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HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary October labor force estimates, New Mexico continued to slide deeper into the current recession. The number of unemployed in the State grew by 3,500 during the month, pushing the unemployment rate up from 9.9 percent in September to 10.4 percent in October. The jobless rate for the State is now beginning to approach the extremely high rates experienced in the 1974-75 recessionary period. In that recession, New Mexico's unemployment rate peaked at 11.4 percent in March 1975. Nationally this October, the unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) stood at 9.9 percent, up from 9.7 percent in September.

Nonagricultural payroll employment in New Mexico fell by 300 jobs during October to a total of 477,600. The mining industry again lost jobs during the month; however, this time all the loss was in oil and gas, while the hard-hit metal mining sector posted no change in employment over the month. This most likely will not be the case in November because two major uranium producers, Kerr-McGee and Gulf Minerals, laid off a total of about 450 workers at their mines near Grants. The services industry experienced a seasonal decline of 700 jobs during the month, as firms in tourism-related sectors such as lodging and amusements & recreation reduced payrolls. In government, public schools continued to staff up for the school year causing the local sector to gain 1,200 jobs from September.

OCTOBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Oct 1982	Sept 1982	Oct 1981	Sept 1982	Oct 1981
Civilian Labor Force	612,700	606,900	584,300	+6,400	+29,000
Employment	549,000	546,700	542,300	+2,300	+ 6,700
Unemployment	63,700	60,200	42,000	+3,500	+21,700
Rate	10.4%	9.9%	7.2%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

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NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*OCT*	*Change From*
	OCT 1982	SEP 1982	OCT 1981	SEP 1982	OCT 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	477,600	477,900	478,600	- 300	-1,000
MINING	26,100	26,400	31,400	- 300	-5,300
Metal Mining	5,600	5,600	9,300	0	-3,700
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,900	4,900	5,700	0	- 800
Oil and Gas Extraction	15,600	15,900	16,400	- 300	- 800
CONSTRUCTION	31,800	31,900	34,200	- 100	-2,400
MANUFACTURING	33,400	33,300	34,600	+ 100	-1,200
Durable Goods	20,500	20,300	21,000	+ 200	- 500
Lumber and Wood Products	1,900	1,800	2,600	+ 100	- 700
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	+ 200
Transportation Equipment	4,100	3,900	3,700	+ 200	+ 400
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,900	11,200	- 100	- 400
Nondurable Goods	12,900	13,000	13,600	- 100	- 700
Food and Kindred Products	4,300	4,500	4,500	- 200	- 200
Textiles and Apparel	3,000	3,000	3,500	0	- 500
Other Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,500	5,600	+ 100	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,200	29,100	29,300	+ 100	- 100
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,900	0	- 500
Trucking and Warehousing	5,700	5,600	5,900	+ 100	- 200
Other Transportation	3,900	4,000	3,700	- 100	+ 200
Communication	7,200	7,200	7,200	0	0
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	10,000	9,900	9,600	+ 100	+ 400
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	111,600	111,700	108,500	- 100	+3,100
Wholesale Trade	23,500	23,400	23,100	+ 100	+ 400
Durable Goods	14,100	14,200	13,900	- 100	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,200	9,200	+ 200	+ 200
Retail Trade	88,100	88,300	85,400	- 200	+2,700
General Merchandise Stores	11,200	10,900	11,000	+ 300	+ 200
Food Stores	12,900	12,900	12,000	0	+ 900
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,600	11,500	11,800	+ 100	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	30,900	31,600	29,300	- 700	+1,600
Other Retail Trade	21,500	21,400	21,300	+ 100	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,200	22,300	21,500	- 100	+ 700
Banking	7,700	7,800	7,400	- 100	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,100	9,100	8,700	0	+ 400
SERVICES	96,100	96,800	92,900	- 700	+3,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,600	10,900	10,300	- 300	+ 300
Personal Services	4,800	4,700	4,600	+ 100	+ 200
Business Services	20,600	20,500	20,700	+ 100	- 100
Health Services	24,200	24,000	22,500	+ 200	+1,700
Social Services	6,300	6,400	6,900	- 100	- 600
Membership Organizations	5,500	5,500	4,700	0	+ 800
Other Services	24,100	24,800	23,200	- 700	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	127,200	126,400	126,200	+ 800	+1,000
Federal	28,500	28,600	28,800	- 100	- 300
State 2/	44,400	44,900	45,100	- 500	- 700
Local	54,300	52,900	52,300	+1,400	+2,000

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment situation worsened significantly during October, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The number of jobless in Bernalillo and Sandoval counties grew by 1,800 over the month and the unemployment rate was up sharply from 8.5 percent in September to 9.2 percent in October. The Statewide jobless rate also moved higher in October, climbing from 9.9 to 10.4 percent.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment fell by 500 from September, and the only major job category showing an employment increase during the month was the services industry. Services recorded 400 additional jobs, spread among several sectors including health, social and business services. Construction employment in recent months has stabilized somewhat, and this was also reflected in the October estimates. The number of jobs in construction continued at 12,200 in October, its highest level of the year. The industry is apparently being bolstered by lower interest rates and the State Mortgage Authority program which provides low interest money to first time home buyers.

In government and trade, layoffs of temporary workers hired for the State Fair in September helped pull down employment. State government and eating & drinking places fell back by a total of 1,600 jobs between September and October.

Looking at over-the-year employment changes, the industries in Albuquerque hurt the worst by the current recession seem to be most sectors of manufacturing and the transportation sector. Manufacturing has lost a total of 700 jobs in the last 12 months, while transportation has slumped by 600 jobs over the same period. All segments of transportation, namely, railroad, passenger and motor freight, have reduced employment.

OCTOBER SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	*Revised*		*Change From*	
	Oct 1982	Sept 1982	Oct 1981	Sept 1982	Oct 1981
Civilian Labor Force	225,000	223,300	212,500	+2,300	+13,100
Employment	204,200	204,300	196,800	- 100	+ 7,400
Unemployment	20,800	19,000	15,700	+1,800	+ 5,100
Rate	9.2%	8.5%	7.4%		

[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1982	*Revised* SEP 1982	*Revised* OCT 1981	*OCT Change From* SEP 1982	OCT 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	191,800	192,300	190,200	- 500	+1,600
CONSTRUCTION	12,200	12,200	12,000	0	+ 200
MANUFACTURING	17,100	17,100	17,800	0	- 700
Durable Goods	12,000	12,000	12,200	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,100	5,600	0	- 500
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	11,600	11,900	0	- 300
Transportation	5,100	5,200	5,700	- 100	- 600
Communication	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	+ 100
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,600	2,500	2,400	+ 100	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	49,200	49,500	48,600	- 300	+ 600
Wholesale Trade	14,000	14,100	13,400	- 100	+ 600
Durable Goods	9,300	9,400	8,900	- 100	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	35,200	35,400	35,200	- 200	0
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	3,900	4,200	0	- 300
Food Stores	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	+ 100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,200	4,100	4,300	+ 100	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	13,100	13,500	13,100	- 400	0
Other Retail Trade	10,000	9,900	9,700	+ 100	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	11,100	10,900	- 100	+ 100
Banking	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,700	4,800	4,700	- 100	0
SERVICES and MINING	48,000	47,600	46,100	+ 400	+1,900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	+ 200
Health Services	11,600	11,500	10,800	+ 100	+ 800
Social Services	2,900	2,800	2,500	+ 100	+ 400
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,400	1,600	+ 100	- 100
Other Services and Mining	29,000	28,900	28,400	+ 100	+ 600
GOVERNMENT	42,700	43,200	42,900	- 500	- 200
Federal	12,100	12,100	12,400	0	- 300
State	11,900	13,100	12,500	-1,200	- 600
Local	18,700	18,000	18,000	+ 700	+ 700

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1982	*Revised* SEP 1982	*Revised* OCT 1981	*OCT Change From* SEP 1982	OCT 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	32,000	30,900	30,900	+1,100	+1,100
CONSTRUCTION	1,750	1,775	1,725	- 25	+ 25
MANUFACTURING	3,050	3,125	2,975	- 75	+ 75
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,250	1,250	1,200	0	+ 50
Transportation	625	625	550	0	+ 75
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	625	650	0	- 25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,900	5,800	5,600	+ 100	+ 300
Wholesale Trade	900	875	925	+ 25	- 25
Retail Trade	5,000	4,925	4,675	+ 75	+ 325
General Merchandise Stores	700	725	750	- 25	- 50
Food Stores	675	675	600	0	+ 75
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	725	750	+ 25	0
Eating & Drinking Places	1,850	1,775	1,625	+ 75	+ 225
Other Retail Trade *	1,025	1,025	950	0	+ 75
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,225	1,250	0	- 25
SERVICES & MINING	4,125	3,875	4,225	+ 250	- 100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	625	625	650	0	- 25
Business Services	675	700	725	- 25	- 50
Health Services	725	725	700	0	+ 25
Social Services	275	275	325	0	- 50
Other Services & Mining	1,825	1,550	1,825	+ 275	0
GOVERNMENT	14,700	13,850	13,925	+ 850	+ 775
Federal	4,350	4,225	4,300	+ 125	+ 50
State	5,750	5,125	5,375	+ 625	+ 375
Local	4,600	4,500	4,250	+ 100	+ 350

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1982	SEP 1982	OCT 1981	OCT 1982	SEP 1982	OCT 1981	OCT 1982	SEP 1982	OCT 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$509.32	$493.28	$444.21	42.8	40.4	44.2	$11.90	$12.21	$10.05
CONSTRUCTION	398.18	387.36	388.10	36.8	36.0	37.9	10.82	10.76	10.24
MANUFACTURING	295.71	287.12	262.87	39.8	38.8	38.6	7.43	7.40	6.81
Durable Goods	331.30	321.17	287.20	40.7	39.7	40.0	8.14	8.09	7.18
Nondurable Gds	221.13	216.75	216.48	37.8	36.8	35.9	5.85	5.89	6.03
COMM and UTIL	375.86	379.49	365.38	39.9	40.5	39.5	9.42	9.37	9.25
TRADE *	253.72	247.32	231.07	37.7	36.0	34.8	6.73	6.87	6.64
BANKING	190.98	185.47	173.16	37.3	36.8	37.0	5.12	5.04	4.68
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$317.21	$315.36	$271.36	39.8	38.6	38.6	$7.97	$8.17	$7.03

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - General Electric has announced plans to reduce the workforce at its Albuquerque plant by about 300 over the next 14 months. GE presently has 1,600 workers at its city plant where jet engine components are manufactured. First City Bank opened its doors November 1st in First City Place, formerly 10 Corporate Plaza, at 2155 Louisiana Blvd. NE. The new bank has approximately 50 employees. The City of Albuquerque has awarded a $2 million contract to Smith and Smith Incorporated for construction of runway facilities at the long planned West Mesa reliever airport. The new airport is anticipated to be open for light aircraft within one year. A luxury 38 unit apartment complex is scheduled to be built at 14th Street and Central Avenue S.W. The new 13,500 square foot downtown branch of Walgreens has opened for business. The 200 room Aladin Motor Hotel will be remodeled early next year and renamed the Mountain View Inn.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - C. S. McCausen Incorporated was the low bidder of $12 million for a highway project on U.S. 70 on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Duval Corporation will close its Carlsbad area potash mine for two weeks during the Christmas holidays due to the current slump in the potash market. About 90 percent of the mine's 180 workers would be affected by the shutdown. The U. S. Department of Interior recently released specifications for the long planned $223 million Brantley Dam project which will be located about 15 miles north of Carlsbad on the Pecos River. Construction is expected to begin on the dam next year and be completed in 1989. Peak construction work should occur in 1985, resulting in a population increase in Carlsbad of approximately 2,000 as a direct result of work on the dam and spin off jobs in the city. Furr's Cafeteria Inc. has opened its new facility in Carlsbad.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - Bullock's Grocery Store in T or C has expanded into Belen, opening a new store employing 18 persons. The Belen City Council has approved a $3.8 million industrial revenue bond issuance which will be used by United Desiccants Inc. to locate a plant in the Rio Grande Industrial Park. The new plant will dry, process and package a clay used to absorb moisture in electronic equipment; and about 30 persons are expected to be employed in the operation.

DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA - Border Foods Incorporated ended its seasonal chile processing operation in Deming at the end of October. Border Foods employed approximately 350 persons this year for its three month processing season. The firm's president, Jim Miller, has disclosed possible plans for expanding the operation by next year which could result in doubling the seasonal employment for the firm.

ESPANOLA AREA - Mineral Industrial Commodities of America, a Pojoaque-based mica mining and milling firm, is planning to build a new processing plant near Velarde which would employ about 30 people. The firm hopes to have the new plant in operation within one year.

FARMINGTON AREA - Modern Incorporated, a Texas-based agricultural equipment manufacturer, has signed a letter of intent with the Navajo Nation to start a manufacturing operation in the vacant Fairchild building in Shiprock. The firm is expected to begin production next spring with about 100 workers.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Continuing deterioration in the uranium market has caused two more area producers to lay off workers. Kerr-McGee Corporation has laid off 150 workers at its two Churchrock mines, and Gulf Mineral Resources has placed its Mt. Taylor mine on standby status which means about 300 Gulf workers will be laid off. Kerr McKee and Homestake Mining Company are the only two area uranium producers continuing to operate, and both of these companies are at much reduced employment level. Mining employment in Cibola and McKinley Counties is now down by more than 5,000 from its peak level in 1979.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Work is expected to start soon on a $6 million, 70-bed addition to Lea Regional Hospital and a $550,000 expansion of its X-ray department. KNC Incorporated of Albuquerque was the low bidder on a $7.3 million highway construction project on U.S. 62-180 west of Hobbs. Gulf Oil Corporation is expanding its office building in Hobbs by 13,800 square feet. Gulf reorganized their area production offices in New Mexico and Texas, resulting in the need for additional space at the Hobbs office. A 63,000 square foot Wal-Mart discount store is scheduled to open in Hobbs sometime in 1983 and should employ about 90 persons. The Hobbs store will be the first New Mexico outlet for the Wal-Mart chain which currently has stores in 12 states, mostly in the South.

LAS CRUCES AREA - The new $1.4 million pecan shelling plant operated by the Southwestern Pecan Growers is now operating with approximately 55 employees. The Army National Guard has established a new battalian at McGregor Range near Las Cruces which will have 308 full time military personnel assigned to it.

LAS VEGAS AREA - The new United World College of the West located at Montezuma, west of Las Vegas, was recently dedicated by oil magnate Armand Hammer and Prince Charles of England. Approximately $5 million has been spent on refurbishing the 102 year old resort hotel into the United World Colleges' sixth branch. The 11 member faculty and 45 person support staff at the new college will provide a $750,000 annual payroll to the area.

RATON/CLAYTON AREA - Baca Food and Fuel Corporation of Campo, Colorado is considering moving its ethanol manufacturing plant to Clayton.

ROSWELL AREA - A $3.25 million instructional center is planned for the Roswell campus of Eastern New Mexico University. Work has started on a 7,000 square foot addition to Pearson Auditorium at New Mexico Military Institute.

SANTA FE AREA - Paul Broadhead and Associates, developers of the 400,000 square foot regional shopping mall planned for a site near Cerrillos Road in Santa Fe, have announced that construction on the shopping mall should begin in mid-1983 and be completed in the fall of 1984. A $2.4 million complex of medical and general offices is under construction near St. Francis Drive and St. Michael's Drive. The new 60,000 square foot Skaggs Alpha-Beta store has opened on Cerrillos Road. The new store employs 250 persons.

SILVER CITY AREA - Phelps Dodge Corporation closed its company-run mercantile store in Tyrone because of the current slump in the copper market which has forced substantial layoffs in the industry in recent months. Another Grant county retailer, Piggly Wiggly in Silver City, closed its grocery store due to the poor economic conditions.

TAOS AREA - First State Bank of Taos has opened a branch facility in Penasco.

TUCUMCARI AREA - The new Grain Power Incorporated ethanol plant near Tucumcari is scheduled to begin operations in December or early January with about 20 workers. Consolidated Freight Company plans to open a depot operation in Tucumcari in February 1983.

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CPI-W - 293.6

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and
Clerical Workers

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The ESD Research and Statistics section recently completed a new publication dealing with anticipated industrial and occupational demand in New Mexico to the year 1990. New Mexico Occupational Manpower Needs to 1990 can be obtained free of charge from the following address:

New Mexico Employment Security Department
Research and Statistics
P. O. Box 1928
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103
Telephone: (505) 841-8645

Below are the occupations projected to have the largest number of annual job openings in New Mexico over the next eight years.

Occupation	Job Openings
Sales Clerk	2,500
Janitors, Porters & & Cleaners	2,180
Kitchen Helpers	1,960
Secretary	1,870.
Cashier	1,740
Waiter and/or Waitress	1,580
General Clerk, Office	1,450
Teachers, Elementary or Preschool	1,420
Truck Driver	1,300
Supervisory, Nonworking Production	900
Bookkeeper, Hand	870
Helper, Trades	870
Nurse Aide and/or Orderly	840
Stock Clerk, Stockroom	820
Nurse, Professional	750
Teacher, Secondary School	750
Electrical & Electronic Assemblers	750
Electrical & Electronic Technicians	720
Typist	700
Mechanic, Automotive	700
Manager, Restaurant	670
Delivery and/or Route Worker	670
Counter Attendant, Lunchroom	650
Manager, Store	640
Stock Clerk, Sales Floor	610
Carpenter	610
Heavy Equipment Operator	580
Fuel Pump Attendant	570
Food Preparation and/or Service Worker	550
Maintenance Repairer, General Utility	550
Accountants & Auditors	510
Teacher Aide	500
Cook, Restaurant	500

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1982 1/				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1982 1/				REVISED OCTOBER 1981 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	612,741	549,008	63,733	10.4	606,891	546,683	60,208	9.9	584,277	542,274	42,003	7.2
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	224,937	204,150	20,787	9.2	223,330	204,323	19,007	8.5	212,458	196,780	15,678	7.4
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	40,479	36,447	4,032	10.0	38,350	34,470	3,880	10.1	37,213	34,487	2,726	7.3
Catron	1,065	883	182	17.1	1,034	874	160	15.5	956	819	137	14.3
Chaves	24,125	22,479	1,646	6.8	23,766	22,129	1,637	6.9	22,129	20,964	1,165	5.3
Colfax	6,704	5,957	747	11.1	6,928	6,267	661	9.5	6,310	5,943	367	5.8
Curry	15,357	14,317	1,040	6.8	15,373	14,406	967	6.3	14,893	14,037	856	5.7
De Baca	1,092	1,043	49	4.5	1,055	998	57	5.4	1,107	1,086	21	1.9
Eddy	25,657	23,169	2,488	9.7	25,389	23,003	2,386	9.4	24,249	22,904	1,345	5.5
Grant	11,780	7,620	4,160	35.3	11,739	7,450	4,289	36.5	12,344	11,351	993	8.0
Guadalupe	1,498	1,405	93	6.2	1,504	1,412	92	6.1	1,614	1,481	133	8.2
Harding	640	614	26	4.1	631	620	11	1.7	755	739	16	2.1
Hidalgo	2,737	2,391	346	12.6	2,731	2,391	340	12.4	2,449	2,354	95	3.9
Lea	35,397	33,302	2,095	5.9	35,310	33,484	1,826	5.2	33,355	32,132	1,223	3.7
Lincoln	7,216	6,906	310	4.3	7,693	7,397	296	3.8	6,422	6,215	207	3.2
Los Alamos	10,963	10,524	439	4.0	10,979	10,729	250	2.3	10,580	10,328	252	2.4
Luna	5,693	5,035	658	11.6	5,690	4,989	701	12.3	5,703	5,257	446	7.8
McKinley	18,763	15,933	2,830	15.1	18,571	15,843	2,728	14.7	18,913	17,106	1,807	9.6
Mora	1,242	855	387	31.2	1,161	829	332	28.6	1,149	815	334	29.1
Otero	14,996	13,551	1,445	9.6	14,751	13,479	1,272	8.6	13,513	12,445	1,068	7.9
Quay	5,365	4,891	474	8.8	5,196	4,715	481	9.3	5,238	4,937	301	5.7
Rio Arriba	11,490	9,284	2,206	19.2	11,243	9,136	2,107	18.7	10,508	8,791	1,717	16.3
Roosevelt	8,383	8,019	364	4.3	7,899	7,670	229	2.9	7,970	7,789	181	2.3
San Juan	40,507	34,999	5,508	13.6	40,320	35,250	5,070	12.6	41,269	37,796	3,473	8.4
San Miguel	9,182	7,998	1,184	12.9	9,064	7,950	1,114	12.3	8,213	7,408	805	9.8
Santa Fe	38,512	35,699	2,813	7.3	38,860	36,206	2,654	6.8	36,210	34,067	2,143	5.9
Sierra	2,795	2,587	208	7.4	2,772	2,587	185	6.7	3,413	3,281	132	3.9
Socorro	4,967	4,469	498	10.0	4,873	4,382	491	10.1	4,690	4,300	390	8.3
Taos	11,246	9,390	1,856	16.5	11,116	9,339	1,777	16.0	9,818	8,513	1,305	13.3
Torrance	2,574	2,430	144	5.6	2,483	2,357	126	5.1	2,445	2,384	61	2.5
Union	2,672	2,508	164	6.1	2,587	2,417	170	6.6	2,611	2,512	99	3.8
Valencia, Cibola 4/	24,707	20,153	4,554	18.4	24,493	19,581	4,912	20.1	25,780	23,253	2,527	9.8

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.*

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HIGHLIGHTS

In November the number of unemployed in New Mexico fell back somewhat from October's recession high of 64,000, according to preliminary labor force estimates. Unemployment in the State was estimated at 60,100, down by 3,900 persons from October. The State's unemployment rate also declined over the month, edging down from 10.4 to 9.9 percent. Except for October, New Mexico's jobless rate has remained in the 9.9 to 10.1 percent range since mid-year, after moving sharply up in the first half of 1982. Nationally the unemployment rate this November (not seasonally adjusted) was 10.4 percent, up from 9.9 percent in October.

Total nonfarm payroll jobs in New Mexico fell by 1,400 in November. The largest decreases occurred in the construction and mining industries, while somewhat smaller losses were posted in manufacturing and services. Small season-related employment gains were reported over the month in retail trade, transportation, and local government.

The construction and manufacturing losses during November generally followed normal seasonal patterns as colder weather conditions began to hamper building activity and the chili processing and canning season came to a close.

The mining industry continued its downward plunge by cutting an additional 600 jobs during the month, split evenly between the metal and oil & gas sectors. Employment in mining is down by almost 20 percent since November 1981. Almost all aspects of mining have been hurt by the current recession, but the areas slumping most have been copper, oil & gas and potash. Large cutbacks have also occurred in uranium mining; however its severe problems are generally unrelated to the current recession.

NOVEMBER SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Nov 1982	Oct 1982	Nov 1981	Oct 1982	Nov 1981
Civilian Labor Force	608,300	612,600	577,000	-4,300	+31,300
Employment	548,200	548,600	535,400	- 400	+12,800
Unemployment	60,100	64,000	41,600	-3,900	+18,500
Rate	9.9%	10.4%	7.2%		

[1/] Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*NOV*	*Change From*
	NOV	OCT	NOV	OCT	NOV
	1982	1982	1981	1982	1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	475,800	477,200	476,600	-1,400	- 800
MINING	25,400	26,000	31,300	- 600	-5,900
Metal Mining	5,300	5,600	9,200	- 300	-3,900
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,900	4,900	5,700	0	- 800
Oil and Gas Extraction	15,200	15,500	16,400	- 300	-1,200
CONSTRUCTION	30,800	31,800	33,700	-1,000	-2,900
MANUFACTURING	32,900	33,300	33,800	- 400	- 900
Durable Goods	20,500	20,500	20,600	0	- 100
Lumber and Wood Products	1,800	1,900	2,300	- 100	- 500
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	+ 300
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,100	3,700	0	+ 400
Other Durable Goods	10,900	10,800	11,200	+ 100	- 300
Nondurable Goods	12,400	12,800	13,200	- 400	- 800
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	4,300	4,100	- 400	- 200
Textiles and Apparel	3,000	3,000	3,500	0	- 500
Other Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,200	29,000	29,300	+ 200	- 100
Railroad Transportation	2,500	2,400	2,900	+ 100	- 400
Trucking and Warehousing	5,800	5,700	6,000	+ 100	- 200
Other Transportation	4,000	4,000	3,700	0	+ 300
Communication	7,000	7,100	7,200	- 100	- 200
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,900	9,800	9,500	+ 100	+ 400
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	112,100	111,600	109,500	+ 500	+2,600
Wholesale Trade	23,400	23,500	23,200	- 100	+ 200
Durable Goods	14,000	14,100	13,900	- 100	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,400	9,300	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	88,700	88,100	86,300	+ 600	+2,400
General Merchandise Stores	11,600	11,000	11,600	+ 600	0
Food Stores	13,200	13,000	12,100	+ 200	+1,100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,700	11,800	11,700	- 100	0
Eating and Drinking Places	30,600	30,900	29,300	- 300	+1,300
Other Retail Trade	21,600	21,400	21,600	+ 200	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,100	22,200	21,600	- 100	+ 500
Banking	7,800	7,800	7,500	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,300	5,400	5,400	- 100	- 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,000	9,000	8,700	0	+ 300
SERVICES	95,800	96,200	91,600	- 400	+4,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,500	10,600	10,100	- 100	+ 400
Personal Services	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	+ 200
Business Services	20,500	20,700	20,300	- 200	+ 200
Health Services	24,200	24,200	22,200	0	+2,000
Social Services	6,300	6,300	6,700	0	- 400
Membership Organizations	5,400	5,500	4,600	- 100	+ 800
Other Services	24,100	24,100	23,100	0	+1,000
GOVERNMENT	127,500	127,100	125,800	+ 400	+1,700
Federal	28,500	28,500	28,200	0	+ 300
State 2/	44,400	44,400	45,100	0	- 700
Local	54,600	54,200	52,500	+ 400	+2,100

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

IGHLIGHTS

ccording to preliminary labor force stimates, the Albuquerque area unemploy- ent rate receded somewhat during November, eclining from 9.3 to 8.6 percent. The umber of jobless edged downward by 1,500 uring the month to a total of 19,500. oth the rate and level of unemployment emained significantly above the year ago igures. The Statewide jobless rate was .9 percent while nationally, the rate was 0.4 percent.

ormal seasonal changes dominated the ndustry employment estimates for November. he number of construction jobs fell by 500 as colder weather conditions limited outside building activity. On the plus side during November were the trade and transportation sectors, with the job gains in both industries related to upcoming holiday buying and package shipping.

The only major industry in Albuquerque which continued to show significant employment growth was the services industry. Since November 1981, services has grown by 2,100 jobs. The health sector provided almost one half of the gain, with the remainder spread out almost evenly among most other service categories.

NOVEMBER SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	*Revised*		*Change From*	
	Nov 1982	Oct 1982	Nov 1981	Oct 1982	Nov 1981
ivilian Labor Force	225,500	225,300	211,000	+ 200	+14,500
Employment	206,000	204,300	195,400	+1,700	+10,600
Unemployment	19,500	21,000	15,600	-1,500	+ 3,900
Rate	8.6%	9.3%	7.8%		

/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*NOV Change From*	
	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	NOV 1981	OCT 1982	NOV 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	191,200	191,800	189,400	-600	+1,800
CONSTRUCTION	11,700	12,200	11,900	-500	- 200
MANUFACTURING	16,900	17,000	17,500	-100	- 600
Durable Goods	11,900	12,000	12,000	-100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,500	0	- 500
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,700	11,700	11,800	0	- 100
Transportation	5,300	5,200	5,700	+100	- 400
Communication	3,800	3,900	3,800	-100	0
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,300	0	+ 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	49,400	49,200	49,100	+200	+ 300
Wholesale Trade	13,900	14,000	13,400	-100	+ 500
Durable Goods	9,200	9,300	8,900	-100	+ 300
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	35,500	35,200	35,700	+300	- 200
General Merchandise Stores	4,200	3,900	4,300	+300	- 100
Food Stores	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,200	4,300	-100	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	12,900	13,100	13,100	-200	- 200
Other Retail Trade	10,300	10,000	10,000	+300	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	0
Banking	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,400	3,400	+100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	- 100
SERVICES and MINING	47,800	48,000	45,700	-200	+2,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	+ 200
Health Services	11,500	11,500	10,500	0	+1,000
Social Services	2,800	2,900	2,500	-100	+ 300
Membership Organizations	1,400	1,500	1,600	-100	- 200
Other Services and Mining	29,100	29,100	28,300	0	+ 800
GOVERNMENT	42,700	42,700	42,400	0	+ 300
Federal	12,100	12,100	12,300	0	- 200
State	11,900	11,900	12,200	0	- 300
Local	18,700	18,700	17,900	0	+ 800

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim NOV 1982	*Revised* OCT 1982	*Revised* NOV 1981	*NOV Change From*	
				OCT 1982	NOV 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,875	31,950	30,575	- 75	+1,300
CONSTRUCTION	1,750	1,725	1,675	+ 25	+ 75
MANUFACTURING	2,725	3,050	2,675	-325	+ 50
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,300	1,250	1,225	+ 50	+ 75
Transportation	700	650	575	+ 50	+ 125
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	600	600	650	0	- 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,925	5,850	5,700	+ 75	+ 225
Wholesale Trade	900	900	950	0	- 50
Retail Trade	5,025	4,950	4,750	+ 75	+ 275
General Merchandise Stores	725	700	775	+ 25	- 50
Food Stores	700	675	600	+ 25	+ 100
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	1,800	1,800	1,675	0	+ 125
Other Retail Trade	1,050	1,025	975	+ 25	+ 75
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,225	1,250	0	- 25
SERVICES & MINING	4,150	4,150	4,225	0	- 75
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	625	650	+ 25	0
Business Services	700	675	725	+ 25	- 25
Health Services	725	725	725	0	0
Social Services	250	275	325	- 25	- 75
Other Services & Mining	1,825	1,850	1,800	- 25	+ 25
GOVERNMENT	14,800	14,700	13,825	+100	+ 975
Federal	4,375	4,350	4,075	+ 25	+ 300
State	5,750	5,725	5,450	+ 25	+ 300
Local	4,675	4,625	4,300	+ 50	+ 375

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	NOV 1981	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	NOV 1981	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	NOV 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$492.48	$500.15	$442.51	40.5	42.1	43.9	$12.16	$11.88	$10.08
CONSTRUCTION	353.29	404.80	366.80	34.3	36.8	35.1	10.30	11.00	10.45
MANUFACTURING	289.20	293.09	270.07	40.0	39.5	39.6	7.23	7.42	6.82
Durable Goods	332.11	329.27	291.67	40.8	40.6	39.9	8.14	8.11	7.31
Nondurable Gds	198.39	218.21	226.59	38.3	37.3	38.8	5.18	5.85	5.84
COMM and UTIL	378.14	376.14	373.47	40.4	40.1	42.2	9.36	9.38	8.85
TRADE *	234.04	254.49	232.09	35.3	36.2	34.9	6.63	7.03	6.65
BANKING	192.40	187.45	185.09	37.8	36.9	38.4	5.09	5.08	4.82
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$319.19	$314.02	$278.69	39.7	39.4	39.7	$8.04	$7.97	$7.02

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Consolidated Freightways is moving its Albuquerque relay station to Tucumcari, and about 145 drivers will be affected by the move. The move is expected to be completed by this January. According to the City Convention Bureau, the National Collegiate Athletic Association national basketball tournament, which will be in Albuquerque March 29th through April 4th, should bring in $4 million to the area economy. Approximately 10,000 hotel rooms in Albuquerque and 2,000 in Santa Fe have already been booked for the event. A franchise of a new nation-wide restaurant chain, SHOWBIZ Pizza Place, is scheduled to open in January in the Juan Tabo Plaza Shopping Center. Intel Corporation has announced that their Rio Rancho plant will not open as scheduled in July 1983, unless there is a marked turnaround in the depressed semiconductor industry. It had been expected that the new plant would employ about 200 when opened. Jaynes Corporation has begun work on the new $6 million Ladera Shopping Center on Coors Road. Work should start in mid-January on the $17.2 million, 128-bed St. Joseph West Side Hospital on Golf Course Road, near Paradise Hills. The two Woolco department stores in Albuquerque are scheduled to close by the end of January. The city's stores are among 336 Woolco stores nationwide that will be closing early in 1983.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Scott Air Inc. of Alamogordo has been awarded a $2.5 million contract to manufacture bus air-conditioning for American transportation of Conway, Arkansas. SeeGee Engineering Company of Albuquerque has been awarded the $2.1 million contract for phase two of the new Ruidoso High School.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Potash Corporation of America (PCA) has laid off 80 employees at its Carlsbad area mine effective December 31st. The layoff reduces the mine's workforce to approximately 500. According to recent reports, the six area potash mines are now operating at only 50 to 60 percent capacity. Total employment at potash mines in the Carlsbad Potash Basin is now 2,600, down from the all-time high level of 3,900 in 1967.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - The new United Desiccant Inc. plant in the Rio Grande Industrial Park near Belen should be in operation by this spring and employ approximately 30 persons. The plant will dry and process clay used as a moisture-prohibitive agent in products such as electronic and photographic equipment. Modular Concepts Inc. of Albuquerque also wants to locate a new manufacturing plant in Rio Grande Industrial Park. Modular homes will be built at the firm's new plant, starting sometime this spring. Modular Concepts could employ almost 300 persons in the Belen plant if production develops as planned.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Levi Strauss closed its apparel plant in Clovis resulting in the layoff of 235 workers. Big Horn Construction Company is building several alcohol fuel plants at a location five miles east of Clovis. The plants will be operated by Titan Energy and Engineering which is a subsidiary of Midwestern Fuel Systems Inc. of Joplin, Missouri. The plant will require only a small workforce to operate; however approximately 70 workers are employed in the construction phase. The Woolco store in Clovis is closing its doors by the end of January, along with 336 Woolco stores nationwide.

ESPANOLA AREA - Pilot Development Southwest Incorporated is planning to construct a $1.75 million intermediate nursing care facility in Espanola. A firm spokesman said the nursing home would employ 60 to 80 persons and provide a monthly payroll of $40,000.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Levi Strauss Incorporated has closed its manufacturing plants in both Hobbs and Clovis. The Hobbs plant had been in operation for ten years and employed 180 at the time of closing. A new $300,000 restaurant is expected to open in Hobbs by the end of March. The Rumors Restaurant will employ approximately 20 persons. According to the most recent rotary oil well drilling rig count by Reed Rock Bit Company, Lea County had 40 rigs working, the largest number of rigs working since April 1982.

LAS CRUCES AREA - The State Board of Finance has approved New Mexico State University's request to construct a $5 million facility to house its music department. Also approved were plans to renovate NMSU's drama department building at an estimated cost of $1 million. Work on the new $31.5 million state prison west of Las Cruces is continuing. Mesilla Valley Construction Company has a $3.5 million contract for installation of precast concrete wall and roof units for the facility. The prison is expected to be in operation this summer providing 265 jobs for area residents.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Construction is expected to begin in January on an estimated $1 million student services building at New Mexico Highlands University. The new two story structure should be ready for occupancy in approximately nine months.

RATON/CLAYTON AREA - Amoco Production Company has submitted a plan to the State Land Commission to begin initial development of the Bravo Dome carbon-dioxide gas unit in northeastern New Mexico. Amoco is scheduled to begin work on 50 wells in early 1983. Kaiser Steel Corporation has laid off about 100 workers at their York Canyon Coal Mine near Raton at least through the month of December. Kaiser reported a $10 million net loss in the first nine months of 1982 and has placed more than 200 workers on layoff status since September.

ROSWELL AREA - Work is continuing on the $12.5 million First National Tower building at 400 N. Pennsylvania in Roswell. Construction will be completed in late 1983. Construction is expected to start in February on the $400,000 county Juvenile Detention Center and the $525,000 Oilfield Training Instructional Center on the Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell campus.

SANTA FE AREA - The State Corrections Department wants to build a $7.8 million, 144-bed addition to the new close-security prison now under construction south of Santa Fe. Department officials plan to ask state law makers for construction funds this coming legislative season. Preliminary approval has been given by the City of Santa Fe for an industrial bond issuance to finance a four story, $9.5 million hotel, restaurant, office and retail shop complex. Called "El Mercado de La Tules", the development would be located on West San Francisco Street and be the largest ever built in Santa Fe. The actual bond issuance will require several more city approvals and a public hearing. Metro Inns Incorporated of Dallas has announced plans to build a huge, multi-million dollar resort complex on 700 acres northwest of Santa Fe. The complex could eventually include a luxury hotel, 36-hole golf course, and approximately 1,000 condominiums. The complex is scheduled to be built in three phases, with the initial phase costing approximately $65 million.

SILVER CITY AREA - Phelps Dodge has laid off an additional 49 workers at its Tyrone branch. The latest cutback brings the total jobs lost at the PD copper mine since April 1982 to about 480.

TAOS AREA - All area ski facilities, including Taos Ski Valley, Red River Ski Area, Rio Castillo, Angel Fire and Sipapu, are open for the season. The snowfall has come earlier than usual this year and ski operators are anticipating a very good season.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Consolidated Freightways is moving its Albuquerque relay station to Tucumcari and approximately 100 drivers are expected to move to the area. Consolidated Freightway's relocation is expected to be complete by the end of February. KNC Construction of Albuquerque has begun work on enlarging the Ute Lake Dam. The project will employ approximately 50 persons during the 18 month construction period.

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November 1982 CPI-U - 293.6
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 293.2

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1982 [1]				REVISED OCTOBER 1982 [1]				REVISED NOVEMBER 1981 [1]			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	608,314	548,203	60,111	9.9	612,623	548,608	64,015	10.4	576,957	535,366	41,591	7.2
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA [2]	225,511	206,025	19,486	8.6	225,262	204,280	20,982	9.3	210,967	195,354	15,613	7.4
LAS CRUCES SMSA [3]	40,155	36,413	3,742	9.3	40,474	36,392	4,082	10.1	35,804	33,314	2,490	7.0
Catron	1,017	803	214	21.0	1,074	883	191	17.8	898	756	142	15.8
Chaves	24,281	22,632	1,649	6.8	24,135	22,485	1,650	6.8	21,808	20,707	1,101	5.0
Colfax	6,530	5,876	654	10.0	6,708	5,958	750	11.2	6,199	5,826	373	6.0
Curry	15,065	14,152	913	6.1	15,366	14,321	1,045	6.8	14,550	13,661	889	6.1
De Baca	1,061	1,017	44	4.1	1,092	1,043	49	4.5	1,056	1,021	35	3.3
Eddy	25,659	23,197	2,462	9.6	25,686	23,174	2,512	9.8	23,459	22,492	967	4.1
Grant	11,261	7,570	3,691	32.8	11,681	7,621	4,060	34.8	12,348	11,459	889	7.2
Guadalupe	1,440	1,362	78	5.4	1,490	1,405	85	5.7	1,553	1,431	122	7.9
Harding	598	587	11	1.8	641	615	26	4.1	708	693	15	2.1
Hidalgo	2,706	2,377	329	12.2	2,750	2,392	358	13.0	2,393	2,271	122	5.1
Lea	34,737	33,043	1,694	4.9	35,405	33,310	2,095	5.9	32,934	31,932	1,002	3.0
Lincoln	7,123	6,776	347	4.9	7,219	6,908	311	4.3	6,286	6,100	186	3.0
Los Alamos	10,749	10,535	214	2.0	10,963	10,526	437	4.0	10,440	10,204	236	2.3
Luna	5,393	4,578	815	15.1	5,705	5,036	669	11.7	5,103	4,705	398	7.8
McKinley	18,790	16,157	2,633	14.0	18,682	15,870	2,812	15.1	19,178	17,353	1,825	9.5
Mora	1,196	802	394	32.9	1,245	855	390	31.3	1,157	777	380	32.8
Otero	15,088	13,741	1,347	8.9	14,812	13,501	1,311	8.9	13,394	12,345	1,049	7.8
Quay	5,224	4,739	485	9.3	5,370	4,892	478	8.9	4,986	4,644	342	6.9
Rio Arriba	11,463	9,255	2,208	19.3	11,517	9,286	2,231	19.4	10,510	8,609	1,901	18.1
Roosevelt	8,363	8,011	352	4.2	8,391	8,021	370	4.4	7,669	7,446	223	2.9
San Juan	39,412	34,139	5,273	13.4	40,133	34,579	5,554	13.8	41,316	37,844	3,472	8.4
San Miguel	9,111	7,973	1,138	12.5	9,209	8,000	1,209	13.1	8,291	7,453	838	10.1
Santa Fe	38,395	35,784	2,611	6.8	38,546	35,707	2,839	7.4	35,967	33,692	2,275	6.3
Sierra	2,702	2,515	187	6.9	2,799	2,588	211	7.5	3,345	3,208	137	4.1
Socorro	4,938	4,457	481	9.7	4,972	4,470	502	10.1	4,460	4,085	375	8.4
Taos	11,193	9,365	1,828	16.3	11,278	9,392	1,886	16.7	9,847	8,428	1,419	14.4
Torrance	2,471	2,348	123	5.0	2,577	2,431	146	5.7	2,414	2,327	87	3.6
Union	2,594	2,400	194	7.5	2,672	2,509	163	6.1	2,425	2,336	89	3.7
Valencia, Cibola [4]	24,088	19,574	4,514	18.7	24,769	20,158	4,611	18.6	25,492	22,893	2,599	10.2

[1] *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

[2] *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

[3] *Dona Ana County.*

[4] *Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.*

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HIGHLIGHTS

Nonagricultural payroll employment in New Mexico increased by 900 in December to reach 476,300. Fueled by holiday buying, retail trade rose by 2,000 jobs during the month, a gain which is generally in line with previous Christmas seasons. Construction employment continued its usual winter ebb in December and declined by 400. The continued impact of the recession was felt in manufacturing jobs. Levi Strauss closed its plants in both Clovis and Hobbs, and as a result the apparel sector lost 500 jobs over the month. In contrast to the downward plunge which the industry experienced throughout much of 1982, mining employment remained virtually unchanged in December. Bad news continued to plague the industry, however, as a major potash mine in the Carlsbad area closed in January, idling 200 workers.

According to preliminary estimates, New Mexico's unemployment rate in December was 9.4 percent, down somewhat from the November rate of 9.9 percent. The number of unemployed in the State declined by 3600 during the month to a total of 56,500. Unemployment was a substantial 15,700 above the year ago level. The U.S. jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) in December was 10.5 percent, up slightly from November's 10.4 percent.

Each year in February, we revise total employment and unemployment estimates for all areas in New Mexico, using recent data from the U.S. Department of Labor household survey and our Current Employment Statistics program. The revised 1982 monthly and annual average estimates will be published in the next issue of the Review in late February.

DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	*Revised*		*Change From*	
	Dec 1982	Nov 1982	Dec 1981	Nov 1982	Dec 1981
Civilian Labor Force	600,200	607,900	573,800	-7,700	+26,400
Employment	543,700	547,800	533,000	-4,100	+10,700
Unemployment	56,500	60,100	40,800	-3,600	+15,700
Rate	9.4%	9.9%	7.1%		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	Revised	Revised	DEC Change From	
	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	DEC 1981	NOV 1982	DEC 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	476,300	475,400	479,000	+ 900	-2,700
MINING	25,100	25,200	31,400	- 100	-6,300
Metal Mining	5,200	5,300	9,200	- 100	-4,000
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,700	4,800	5,600	- 100	- 900
Oil and Gas Extraction	15,200	15,100	16,600	+ 100	-1,400
CONSTRUCTION	30,200	30,600	31,600	- 400	-1,400
MANUFACTURING	32,300	33,000	33,800	- 700	-1,500
Durable Goods	20,400	20,500	20,700	- 100	- 300
Lumber and Wood Products	1,800	1,900	2,300	- 100	- 500
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,700	3,600	3,500	+ 100	+ 200
Transportation Equipment	4,200	4,100	3,700	+ 100	+ 500
Other Durable Goods	10,700	10,900	11,200	- 200	- 500
Nondurable Goods	11,900	12,500	13,100	- 600	-1,200
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,900	4,000	- 100	- 200
Textiles and Apparel	2,600	3,100	3,400	- 500	- 800
Other Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,700	0	- 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,200	29,200	29,400	0	- 200
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,800	0	- 400
Trucking and Warehousing	5,900	5,800	6,200	+ 100	- 300
Other Transportation	4,000	4,000	3,700	0	+ 300
Communication	7,000	7,100	7,200	- 100	- 200
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,900	9,900	9,500	0	+ 400
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	114,400	112,200	111,700	+2,200	+2,700
Wholesale Trade	23,600	23,400	23,200	+ 200	+ 400
Durable Goods	14,100	14,000	14,000	+ 100	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	9,500	9,400	9,200	+ 100	+ 300
Retail Trade	90,800	88,800	88,500	+2,000	+2,300
General Merchandise Stores	12,100	11,500	12,500	+ 600	- 400
Food Stores	13,500	13,200	12,400	+ 300	+1,100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,700	11,700	11,700	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	30,800	30,600	29,500	+ 200	+1,300
Other Retail Trade	22,700	21,800	22,400	+ 900	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,300	22,100	21,700	+ 200	+ 600
Banking	7,800	7,800	7,500	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,100	8,900	8,800	+ 200	+ 300
SERVICES	95,900	95,700	92,800	+ 200	+3,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,300	10,500	9,900	- 200	+ 400
Personal Services	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	+ 200
Business Services	20,700	20,500	20,700	+ 200	0
Health Services	24,000	24,100	22,600	- 100	+1,400
Social Services	6,200	6,300	6,500	- 100	- 300
Membership Organizations	5,400	5,400	4,800	0	+ 600
Other Services	24,500	24,100	23,700	+ 400	+ 800
GOVERNMENT	126,900	127,400	126,600	- 500	+ 300
Federal	28,400	28,400	28,200	0	+ 200
State 2/	43,600	44,400	45,600	- 800	-2,000
Local	54,900	54,600	52,800	+ 300	+2,100

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

IGHLIGHTS

ccording to preliminary estimates, lbuquerque closed out 1982 with an unmployment rate of 8.1 percent. December's obless rate, although down from November, as a full percentage point higher than ecember 1981. The number of unemployed in ecember was 18,100, up 20.7 percent from year ago.

otal nonfarm payroll employment in lbuquerque increased by 700 to total 92,000 during December. Seasonal gains in etail trade were largely responsible for he monthly increase; however, these gains ere partly offset by construction's losses due to cold weather. Other major industries saw only minor employment adjustments during the month.

During 1982 construction, manufacturing and transportation all recorded employment losses, while the remaining major industries posted moderate gains. The largest employment increase was in services, with the health sector leading the way. Government employment in Albuquerque was up by 500 jobs during the year; however, all the gain was in the local sector. Both federal and state government reported fewer jobs in December 1982 than one year ago.

DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	*Revised*		*Change From*	
	Dec 1982	Nov 1982	Dec 1981	Nov 1982	Dec 1981
ivilian Labor Force	224,700	225,700	210,200	-1,000	+14,500
Employment	206,600	206,200	195,200	+ 400	+11,400
Unemployment	18,100	19,500	15,000	-1,400	+ 3,100
Rate	8.1%	8.6%	7.1%		

/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1982	*Revised* NOV 1982	*Revised* DEC 1981	*DEC Change From* NOV 1982	*DEC Change From* DEC 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	192,000	191,300	190,000	+700	+2,000
CONSTRUCTION	11,400	11,700	11,600	-300	- 200
MANUFACTURING	16,900	16,900	17,500	0	- 600
Durable Goods	11,900	11,900	12,000	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,500	0	- 500
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,700	11,900	+100	- 100
Transportation	5,300	5,200	5,700	+100	- 400
Communication	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	+ 100
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	50,400	49,500	50,100	+900	+ 300
Wholesale Trade	14,000	13,900	13,500	+100	+ 500
Durable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,000	+100	+ 300
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	36,400	35,600	36,600	+800	- 200
General Merchandise Stores	4,300	4,100	4,700	+200	- 400
Food Stores	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	+ 200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	13,200	13,000	13,400	+200	- 200
Other Retail Trade	10,700	10,300	10,400	+400	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	11,000	10,900	0	+ 100
Banking	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	- 100
SERVICES and MINING	47,900	47,800	45,900	+100	+2,000
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	+ 200
Health Services	11,500	11,500	10,700	0	+ 800
Social Services	2,900	2,800	2,400	+100	+ 500
Membership Organizations	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	- 200
Other Services and Mining	29,100	29,100	28,400	0	+ 700
GOVERNMENT	42,600	42,700	42,100	-100	+ 500
Federal	12,000	12,100	12,100	-100	- 100
State	11,600	11,900	12,000	-300	- 400
Local	19,000	18,700	18,000	+300	+1,000

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1982	*Revised* NOV 1982	*Revised* DEC 1981	*DEC Change From* NOV 1982	DEC 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,925	31,850	31,000	+ 75	+925
CONSTRUCTION	1,800	1,750	1,700	+ 50	+100
MANUFACTURING	2,600	2,750	2,625	-150	- 25
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,325	1,275	1,225	+ 50	+100
Transportation	700	675	575	+ 25	+125
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	600	650	+ 25	- 25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,050	5,900	5,800	+150	+250
Wholesale Trade	900	900	950	0	- 50
Retail Trade	5,150	5,000	4,850	+150	+300
General Merchandise Stores	800	725	900	+ 75	-100
Food Stores	800	700	600	+100	+200
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	775	750	750	+ 25	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	1,725	1,800	1,600	- 75	+125
Other Retail Trade	1,050	1,025	1,000	+ 25	+ 50
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,225	1,225	0	0
SERVICES & MINING	4,150	4,175	4,225	- 25	- 75
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	625	650	675	- 25	- 50
Business Services	725	700	725	+ 25	0
Health Services	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Social Services	250	250	325	0	- 75
Other Services & Mining	1,800	1,825	1,775	- 25	+ 25
GOVERNMENT	14,775	14,775	14,200	0	+575
Federal	4,400	4,375	4,375	+ 25	+ 25
State	5,725	5,750	5,425	- 25	+300
Local	4,650	4,650	4,400	0	+250

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	DEC 1981	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	DEC 1981	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	DEC 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$482.65	$488.83	$452.40	39.4	40.2	43.5	$12.25	$12.16	$10.40
CONSTRUCTION	365.39	358.45	398.79	34.7	34.7	37.8	10.53	10.33	10.55
MANUFACTURING	303.42	301.72	279.86	39.1	39.7	40.5	7.76	7.60	6.91
Durable Goods	334.46	333.74	304.03	40.2	40.9	40.7	8.32	8.16	7.47
Nondurable Gds	235.25	232.73	230.80	36.7	37.0	40.0	6.41	6.29	5.77
COMM and UTIL	452.62	405.01	361.62	42.7	40.1	41.0	10.60	10.10	8.82
TRADE *	246.38	241.37	227.27	36.5	35.6	35.4	6.75	6.78	6.42
BANKING	187.90	191.25	179.94	36.7	37.5	37.1	5.12	5.10	4.85
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$320.38	$318.37	$291.10	39.7	39.5	40.6	$ 8.07	$ 8.06	$ 7.17

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - First City Financial Corporation is planning to construct a multimillion dollar headquarters building on 3.4 acres on Lomas Boulevard NW between Fifth and Second Streets. Work could begin on the new structure late this year. Groundbreaking was held January 16th for the new $19 million St. Joseph West Mesa Hospital located between Paradise Hills and Rio Rancho. According to a recent survey of Albuquerque companies by Manpower Inc., a private employment agency, 23 percent were planning staff reductions during the first quarter of 1983. The same survey last year found only 7 percent of the companies were planning employment decreases. Signetics Corporation is scheduled to begin production at their new $130 million Albuquerque semiconductor plant by this summer. Signetics currently employs 125 workers and plans to hire more workers this summer and fall. Signetics hopes to employ 2,000 workers by the end of this decade. The Marine Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation has awarded a $2.5 million contract to the Albuquerque branch of E. G. & G's Analytical Service Center for development of a data-acquisition system.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Otero County voters approved a $4.75 million property tax increase to finance an expansion project at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital. Holloman Air Force Base contributed $130 million to the local economy during 1982 in the form of salaries to military and civilian personnel. Southern Pacific Railway has established a crew changing stop in Carrizozo and has increased from 6 to 10 the number of trains traveling through Carrizozo per day.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Mississippi Chemical Corporation closed its potash mine near Carlsbad in January, resulting in the layoff of approximately 200 workers. AMAX Chemical Corporation laid off 33 workers at its potash mine because of the weak potash market. Kerr McGee Corporation has leased the closed National Potash Company mine; however no new jobs are expected for some time. Kerr McGee wants to study the possible purchase of the potash mine. International Minerals and Chemical Corporation has begun initial work on the new 875 foot shaft at its Carlsbad area potash mine. Work is scheduled to be completed on the new shaft by late this year at a cost of $10.5 million. Landsun Homes Incorporated dedicated the new $3 million health services center and park houses in Carlsbad in December. The new center houses a 64 bed unit for long-term nursing care and related facilities. The Army Corps of Engineers is planning to open bids in late February for construction of an estimated $1.5 million warehouse at the site of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant east of Carlsbad.

DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA - Border Foods Incorporated has announced plans to expand its seasonal chile processing and canning operation in Deming. The expansion is scheduled to be completed this year and the firm should add 300 to its 350 workforce during the "fresh pack" season which runs from August to October.

ESPANOLA AREA - Consolidated Constructors of Farmington and T. G. Hudgens Construction of Kansas City, Kansas were selected to build the new $6.6 million sewage treatment plant in Espanola.

FARMINGTON AREA - The Bureau of Reclamation is planning to construct a water delivery system to Block 6 of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project near Farmington at an estimated cost of $3 million. The new system will allow cultivation of 5,000 additional acres this year. H. W. Houston Construction was the low bidder for a $1.3 million public library in Farmington.

GRANTS/GALLUP AREA - General contractor bids for the estimated $20 million state prison project near Grants are scheduled to be opened in late January. The earth work phase of the project was recently completed by Seay Construction Company of Albuquerque. The new prison is scheduled for completion in mid-1984. According to the State Energy and Minerals Department, a total of 15 area uranium mines were shutdown during 1982. Presently the area has only nine active conventional uranium mines in operation, compared to 43 active mines during the peak year of 1978.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Lea Regional Hospital has begun its $12 million expansion project which will include two new support facilities, new surgical suites, and a psychiatric treatment pavillion. KNC Incorporated was awarded the $4 million contract for the third phase of the U.S. 62-180 four lane highway project between Hobbs and Carlsbad. The contract for the fourth and final phase of the project should let this July with completion scheduled for July 1984. The total project will cost an estimated $20 million when completed.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Construction is finished on the $5 million Prepared Foods Incorporated plant in Santa Teresa. When the plant is in full operation sometime this spring, approximately 300 workers are expected to be employed at the facility. Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell, broke ground in December for its 46,000 square foot plant in Las Cruces. The new plant should be in operation by June 1983 and employ 150. Albertson's has opened its new 31,000 square foot grocery store in Las Cruces. The new store employs about 70 workers and is the 14th New Mexico store for Albertsons.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Highlands University Board of Regents has selected Mimbres Incorporated to design a proposed $6 to $7 million physical education complex for the University. The Las Vegas City Council has approved a $2.5 million preliminary plan to expand the Las Vegas Municipal Airport.

RATON/CLAYTON AREA - Kaiser Steel Corporation continued the shutdown of its underground operations at the York Canyon Coal Mine at least through January. Approximately 140 miners are laid off as a result of the shutdown which occurred in December.

ROSWELL AREA - According to company officials, Transportation Manufacturing Corporation in Roswell experienced a very successful year in 1982. The company was able to increase its workforce at the bus manufacturing plant from 900 to 1,200 during the period. The Levi Strauss plant in Roswell is now approaching full production. The Roswell plant does not manufacture the same type garments as the Hobbs and Clovis Levi facilities which were shut down in December.

SANTA FE AREA - The Santa Fe County Commission approved endorsement of $4 million in industrial revenue bonds for the renovation of the Eave's Western town movie set south of Santa Fe. Also endorsed were $4.7 million in bonds for Los Caballos de Santa Fe, a proposed equestrian facility. Los Caballos wants to purchase 18 acres of commercially zoned land in Santa Fe and construct a facility for showing and training of horses.

SILVER CITY AREA - A Phelps Dodge official disclosed that the company's copper mine at Tyrone could possibly reopen by this April; however no definite plans have been made. Arthur Kinneberg, Phelps Dodge Senior Vice President, said that it was undetermined how many of the 600 workers laid off at Tyrone would be called back if the mine is reopened. Quintana Minerals Corporation announced a further reduction in workforce at the Copper Flat Project near Hillsboro. Quintana has laid off another 23 workers, bringing total employment at the mine down to 20. Quintana employed 227 miners before closing the mine in June of last year. Work has started on a $2.6 million Vocational-Technical Building at Western New Mexico University.

TAOS AREA - Western Bank of Taos opened its new office in December.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Grain Power-Tucumcari Ltd. has begun production at its new alcohol plant north of Tucumcari. The new plant converts milo into alcohol for use as a additive to gasoline.

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December 1982 CPI-U - 292.4
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CPI-W - 292.0

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and
Clerical Workers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1982 1/				REVISED NOVEMBER 1982 1/				REVISED DECEMBER 1981 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	600,189	543,660	56,529	9.4	607,858	547,753	60,105	9.9	573,870	533,024	40,846	7.1
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	224,658	206,592	18,066	8.0	225,646	206,190	19,456	8.6	210,211	195,185	15,026	7.1
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	39,942	36,477	3,465	8.7	40,153	36,383	3,770	9.4	36,465	33,978	2,487	6.8
Catron	920	718	202	22.0	1,023	804	219	21.4	880	713	167	19.0
Chaves	23,631	22,225	1,406	5.9	24,297	22,638	1,659	6.8	21,638	20,508	1,130	5.2
Colfax	6,433	5,639	794	12.3	6,520	5,877	643	9.9	6,130	5,762	368	6.0
Curry	14,957	13,842	1,115	7.5	15,067	14,155	912	6.1	14,318	13,521	797	5.6
De Baca	1,027	987	40	3.9	1,060	1,017	43	4.1	1,048	967	81	7.7
Eddy	25,242	23,033	2,209	8.8	25,692	23,202	2,490	9.7	23,475	22,499	976	4.2
Grant	10,868	7,574	3,294	30.3	11,278	7,572	3,706	32.9	11,348	10,488	860	7.6
Guadalupe	1,395	1,319	76	5.4	1,437	1,362	75	5.2	1,506	1,385	121	8.0
Harding	514	505	9	1.8	596	587	9	1.5	663	655	8	1.2
Hidalgo	2,565	2,292	273	10.6	2,720	2,377	343	12.6	2,333	2,217	116	5.0
Lea	34,300	32,617	1,683	4.9	34,749	33,051	1,698	4.9	32,583	31,887	696	2.1
Lincoln	7,027	6,763	264	3.8	7,125	6,778	347	4.9	6,366	6,159	207	3.3
Los Alamos	10,670	10,478	192	1.8	10,750	10,538	212	2.0	10,394	10,225	169	1.6
Luna	5,104	4,503	601	11.8	5,389	4,579	810	15.0	4,935	4,527	408	8.3
McKinley	18,184	15,542	2,642	14.5	18,313	15,611	2,702	14.9	19,118	17,312	1,806	9.4
Mora	1,089	727	362	33.2	1,175	803	372	31.7	1,075	722	353	32.8
Otero	14,746	13,505	1,241	8.4	14,963	13,636	1,327	8.9	13,236	12,237	999	7.5
Quay	5,044	4,587	457	9.1	5,232	4,740	492	9.4	4,788	4,457	331	6.9
Rio Arriba	11,456	9,087	2,369	20.7	11,445	9,258	2,187	19.1	10,481	8,501	1,980	18.9
Roosevelt	7,970	7,609	361	4.5	8,376	8,013	363	4.3	7,318	7,089	229	3.1
San Juan	38,967	33,886	5,081	13.0	39,448	34,148	5,300	13.4	41,332	37,724	3,608	8.7
San Miguel	8,906	7,789	1,117	12.5	9,056	7,975	1,081	11.9	8,343	7,447	896	10.7
Santa Fe	37,991	35,535	2,456	6.5	38,410	35,792	2,618	6.8	35,963	33,654	2,309	6.4
Sierra	2,545	2,381	164	6.4	2,701	2,516	185	6.8	3,151	3,022	129	4.1
Socorro	4,866	4,403	463	9.5	4,939	4,458	481	9.7	4,597	4,206	391	8.5
Taos	10,801	9,158	1,643	15.2	11,180	9,367	1,813	16.2	10,295	8,759	1,536	14.9
Torrance	2,283	2,193	90	3.9	2,468	2,348	120	4.9	2,302	2,224	78	3.4
Union	2,414	2,245	169	7.0	2,596	2,400	196	7.6	2,276	2,190	86	3.8
Valencia, Cibola 4/	23,674	19,449	4,225	17.8	24,054	19,578	4,476	18.6	25,302	22,804	2,498	9.9

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.*

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1982 labor force estimates for all areas in New Mexico have been revised to incorporate annual average data from the U.S. Department of Labor Current Population Survey and updated estimates from our Current Employment Statistics Program. Included on page 10 of this issue are the revised monthly and annual average estimates for Statewide New Mexico and the Albuquerque SMSA. Revised annual average county labor force estimates appear on page 11. Also revised are the 1981 and 1982 nonagricultural industry employment estimates for the State, the Albuquerque SMSA and the Las Cruces SMSA. These appear on pages 12 through 17.

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New Mexico's unemployment rate was 10.6 percent in January 1983, up from a revised 9.8 percent in December. The number of unemployed in the State rose by 4200 over the month to a total of 62,600, while employment fell by 8,700 to 529,400. Seasonal factors accounted for much of the January labor force change as temporary holiday workers were laid off in industries such as trade and transportation, and construction activity continued its winter ebb. The jobless rate for the Nation in January was 11.4 percent (not seasonally adjusted), up from 10.5 percent in December.

New Mexico's annual average unemployment rate in 1982 was 9.2 percent, somewhat below the national jobless rate of 9.7 percent for the year. The State did not compare quite so favorably with its immediate neighbors; however, as all adjacent states except Arizona had unemployment rates lower than New Mexico in 1982. Listed below are the 1982 unemployment rates for New Mexico and its contiguous states.

New Mexico	9.2%	Colorado	7.7%
Arizona	9.9%	Oklahoma	5.7%
Utah	7.8%	Texas	6.9%

JANUARY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel Jan 1983	*Revised* Dec 1982	Jan 1982	*Change From* Dec 1982	Jan 1982
Civilian Labor Force	592,000	596,500	572,800	-4,500	+19,200
Employment	529,400	538,100	525,200	-8,700	+ 4,200
Unemployment	62,600	58,400	47,600	+4,200	+15,000
Rate (*Actual*)	10.6	9.8	8.3		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JAN 1983	*Revised* DEC 1982	*Revised* JAN 1982	JAN *Change From* DEC 1982	JAN *Change From* JAN 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	467,600	476,500	469,400	-8,900	-1,800
MINING	23,300	23,300	30,800	0	-7,500
Metal Mining	4,500	4,600	8,200	- 100	-3,700
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,600	4,700	5,400	- 100	- 800
Oil and Gas Extraction	14,200	14,000	17,200	+ 200	-3,000
CONSTRUCTION	29,700	30,800	30,800	-1,100	-1,100
MANUFACTURING	33,500	33,700	33,600	- 200	- 100
Durable Goods	21,700	21,700	20,900	0	+ 800
Lumber and Wood Products	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,400	4,400	3,900	0	+ 500
Transportation Equipment	4,500	4,500	3,900	0	+ 600
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,800	11,100	0	- 300
Nondurable Goods	11,800	12,000	12,700	- 200	- 900
Food and Kindred Products	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,600	3,300	- 200	- 900
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,300	30,300	29,600	-1,000	- 300
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,800	0	- 400
Trucking and Warehousing	5,400	6,000	5,800	- 600	- 400
Other Transportation	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	+ 200
Communication	7,500	7,700	7,600	- 200	- 100
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,900	10,100	9,500	- 200	+ 400
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	109,900	114,300	105,700	-4,400	+4,200
Wholesale Trade	22,900	23,100	22,500	- 200	+ 400
Durable Goods	13,800	13,800	13,800	0	0
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,300	8,700	- 200	+ 400
Retail Trade	87,000	91,200	83,200	-4,200	+3,800
General Merchandise Stores	10,700	12,200	11,200	-1,500	- 500
Food Stores	13,200	13,500	12,000	- 300	+1,200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,200	12,100	11,600	+ 100	+ 600
Eating and Drinking Places	29,400	30,400	27,500	-1,000	+1,900
Other Retail Trade	21,500	23,000	20,900	-1,500	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	21,900	21,900	21,500	0	+ 400
Banking	7,800	7,800	7,500	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	+ 100
SERVICES	93,900	95,000	91,800	-1,100	+2,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9,900	10,100	9,600	- 200	+ 300
Personal Services	5,100	4,900	4,800	+ 200	+ 300
Business Services	21,100	21,300	20,600	- 200	+ 500
Health Services	23,500	23,700	22,900	- 200	+ 600
Social Services	6,100	6,300	6,400	- 200	- 300
Membership Organizations	4,500	4,600	4,200	- 100	+ 300
Other Services	23,700	24,100	23,300	- 400	+ 400
GOVERNMENT	126,100	127,200	125,600	-1,100	+ 500
Federal	29,100	28,600	28,800	+ 500	+ 300
State 2/	42,600	43,600	44,100	-1,000	-1,500
Local	54,400	55,000	52,700	- 600	+1,700

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

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Included in this issue are the newly revised 1982 monthly and annual average labor force estimates along with the 1981 and 1982 nonagricultural industry employment estimates for the Albuquerque area.

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Following the normal seasonal pattern for January, both the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate in the Albuquerque area rose substantially during the month. Primarily due to post-Christmas layoffs in retail trade and transportation, and weather related slowdowns in construction activity, the number of jobless persons increased by 1300 during January, pushing the unemployment rate up from 8.3 to 9.0 percent. Total unemployment in January was 2800 higher than one year ago, while the unemployment rate was a full percentage point greater than in January 1982.

Over the year, nonagricultural payroll employment in Albuquerque grew by 4200 and all major industries participated in the job growth. The services industry experienced the largest gains, primarily in the health, business, personal and amusement categories. Government recorded the second largest increase during the year, almost all in the local sector which includes city, county and public school workers. The trade industry recorded a gain of 400 jobs, spread out among all sectors except general merchandise stores. Construction employment also posted an employment increase of 400 over the year. A noticeable increase in home building has occurred in the Albuquerque area during the last few months, due mainly to somewhat lower interest rates. The manufacturing industry has added 300 jobs since last January. Employment increases at the newer manufacturing firms such as Ethicon, Sperry Flight Systems and Signetics are largely responsible for the growth in the industry.

JANUARY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	*Revised*		*Change From*	
	Jan 1983	Dec 1982	Jan 1982	Dec 1982	Jan 1982
Civilian Labor Force	220,800	222,600	211,300	-1,800	+9,500
Employment	201,000	204,100	194,300	-3,100	+6,700
Unemployment	19,800	18,500	17,000	+1,300	+2,800
Rate (*Actual*)	9.0	8.3	8.0		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JAN 1983	*Revised* DEC 1982	*Revised* JAN 1982	*JAN Change From*	
				DEC 1982	JAN 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	189,100	192,300	184,900	-3,200	+4,200
CONSTRUCTION	10,800	11,400	10,400	- 600	+ 400
MANUFACTURING	17,900	18,100	17,600	- 200	+ 300
Durable Goods	12,700	12,700	12,300	0	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	5,200	5,400	5,300	- 200	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,900	12,300	11,800	- 400	+ 100
Transportation	4,900	5,300	5,400	- 400	- 500
Communication	4,400	4,400	4,100	0	+ 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,300	0	+ 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	47,600	49,400	47,200	-1,800	+ 400
Wholesale Trade	13,300	13,300	13,200	0	+ 100
Durable Goods	8,800	8,700	8,800	+ 100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,600	4,400	- 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	34,300	36,100	34,000	-1,800	+ 300
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	4,500	4,300	- 600	- 400
Food Stores	3,900	4,000	3,800	- 100	+ 100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	12,100	12,500	11,900	- 400	+ 200
Other Retail Trade	10,100	10,800	9,800	- 700	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	11,000	10,700	0	+ 300
Banking	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	+ 100
SERVICES and MINING	47,400	47,600	45,700	- 200	+1,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,700	2,800	2,500	- 100	+ 200
Health Services	11,300	11,400	10,900	- 100	+ 400
Social Services	2,600	2,700	2,500	- 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	- 100
Other Services and Mining	29,400	29,300	28,300	+ 100	+1,100
GOVERNMENT	42,500	42,500	41,500	0	+1,000
Federal	12,300	11,900	12,100	+ 400	+ 200
State	11,400	11,600	11,500	- 200	- 100
Local	18,800	19,000	17,900	- 200	+ 900

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics),

	Prelim JAN 1983	*Revised* DEC 1982	*Revised* JAN 1982	*JAN Change From* DEC 1982	JAN 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,550	32,050	31,275	-500	+275
CONSTRUCTION	1,600	1,600	1,575	0	+ 25
MANUFACTURING	2,825	2,725	2,850	+100	- 25
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,225	1,325	1,275	-100	- 50
Transportation	575	625	625	- 50	- 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	700	650	- 50	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,900	6,175	5,875	-275	+ 25
Wholesale Trade	850	825	850	+ 25	0
Retail Trade	5,050	5,350	5,025	-300	+ 25
General Merchandise Stores	725	850	900	-125	-175
Food Stores	800	825	625	- 25	+175
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	775	775	750	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	1,750	1,800	1,725	- 50	+ 25
Other Retail Trade	1,000	1,100	1,025	-100	- 25
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,225	1,250	- 25	- 50
SERVICES & MINING	4,200	4,250	4,250	- 50	- 50
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	625	625	- 25	- 25
Business Services	725	750	800	- 25	- 75
Health Services	850	850	750	0	+100
Social Services	225	225	275	0	- 50
Other Services & Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
GOVERNMENT	14,600	14,750	14,200	-150	+400
Federal	4,325	4,375	4,500	- 50	-175
State	5,675	5,725	5,300	- 50	+375
Local	4,600	4,650	4,400	- 50	+200

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,

CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN 1983	DEC 1982	JAN 1982	JAN 1983	DEC 1982	JAN 1982	JAN 1983	DEC 1982	JAN 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$491.81	$450.96	$437.99	43.6	40.3	42.4	$11.28	$11.19	$10.33
CONSTRUCTION	388.87	365.39	362.96	37.0	34.7	34.8	10.51	10.53	10.43
MANUFACTURING	305.96	308.03	267.40	40.1	39.9	38.2	7.63	7.72	7.00
Durable Goods	338.15	329.66	289.56	40.4	40.8	38.2	8.37	8.08	7.58
Nondurable Gds	230.69	251.03	219.84	39.3	36.7	38.1	5.87	6.84	5.77
COMM and UTIL	402.52	397.03	370.55	40.7	41.1	40.9	9.89	9.66	9.06
TRADE *	243.19	237.47	226.20	34.3	36.2	34.8	7.09	6.56	6.50
BANKING	203.84	188.05	181.04	39.2	36.8	36.5	5.20	5.11	4.96
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$322.40	$322.78	$276.19	40.0	39.8	37.9	$ 8.06	$ 8.11	$ 7.34

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - The nation's largest department store conglomerate, Federated Department Stores, Inc., is looking at Coronado Center as the possible location of a 123,000 square foot retail facility. According to Coronado Center officials, construction on the new store could begin in the next few months and it might be open for business by the fall of 1984. A Phoenix developer is planning to build a 10 to 14 story office building in the downtown area at the corner of Fifth Street and Marquette Avenue. Cavan Associates Ltd. officials disclosed that they are only in the preliminary stage of planning on the new office structure and a construction start-up date has not been set. Construction has begun on a $1 million, 16,000 square foot office building on Wyoming, north of Spain. Oakwood Plaza is being constructed by Jaynes Corporation and should be completed by mid-summer. Ground has been broken for two new additions to the Uptown business area. A three story, 43,000 square foot office building and a 9,600 square foot restaurant are under construction on Uptown Boulevard. After a $1.5 million remodeling job now under way, Sun Country Savings and Loan Association will move into the former headquarters of Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan in the downtown area. Kerr Companys has pushed back the opening of the renovated former Hotel Plaza located downtown to October 1st of this year. The new hotel will be called The Bradford and will have 110 rooms. Albuquerque is being considered by a California micro-chip manufacturing firm as the site of a new plant. Monolithic Memories Incorporated of Sunnyvale, California is expected to make the decision where to locate the new facility, which could employ up to 1,000 workers, sometime this year. Tucson and Sacramento, California are also in the running for the new plant. Territorial House Food Products Corporation has been operating a small green chili sauce manufacturing plant in Rio Rancho for several months and now the firm plans to expand product distribution. This is expected to increase employment at the plant to about 100 workers.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - After 22 months, work was recently completed on the first phase of construction at the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility at White Sands Missle Range. Approximately $26 million has been spent to date on the facility which will be used for laser testing by the Armed Services and other government agencies. Hansel-Phelps Corporation of Greeley, Colorado is the prime contractor for the project. Ruidoso voters approved a $1.25 million bond issue to help fund additional construction at the new Ruidoso High School. The total payroll paid at Holloman Air Force Base in the fiscal year ending in October 1982 was $127 million, with 5,934 military personnel receiving $101.9 million while 1,104 civil service employees took home $25.2 million.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - George Hartwell Jr., vice-president of H & E Supply Company in Carlsbad, is planning to develop a 33 acre private industrial park complex located east of the city. The park, which will be called "InduCom Park", will be a restricted, planned commercial center. The first phase of the new park will be construction of two large buildings, each about 27,000 square feet and costing $750,000 to $1 million. Santa Fe Railway has reduced their Carlsbad workforce from 61 to 56 employees in mid-February. Santa Fe officials blamed the slowdown in the potash industry for the cutback. AMAX Chemical Corporation is planning their normal three week maintenance shutdown at their potash mine in June; however officials stated that the shutdown could be extended if potash sales continue to decline.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Public Service Company of New Mexico has announced plans for a 200 mile, $77.4 million transmission line project running from Bernalillo to Clovis. Pending approval of the New Mexico Public Service Commission, construction is scheduled to start in March 1984 and be completed by January 1985. The city of Portales has been awarded a $3.8 million federal grant to construct an ethanol alcohol production plant at the Portales Industrial Park. Energy Fuels Development

Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma plans to begin construction this summer on the ethanol plant which will cost a total of $15 million. The plant should be in operation by mid-1984 and will employ 22 workers. Southwest Canners, Inc. has purchased an additional five acres in the Portales Industrial Park for use as a truck servicing center. The expansion is expected to result in an additional 25 to 30 employees for the company.

FARMINGTON AREA - La Quinta Motor Inns, Inc. has begun construction of a 106 room inn in Farmington. The new inn will be the third La Quinta facility in New Mexico. A $20 million overhaul of boiler equipment is now underway at the Four Corners Power Plant which is operated by Arizona Public Service Company. Bechtel Power Corporation is the contractor for the project which will employ up to 520 workers for approximately three months.

GRANTS/GALLUP AREA - Page and Wirtz Contractors of Albuquerque were the low bidders of $14.4 million for construction of the new state prison facility near Grants. Work is scheduled to start around mid-March on the new prison. Carbon Coal Company laid off 32 workers effective February 1st at its Mentmore mine near Gallup. The Mentmore mine is now employing 198 and is scheduled to operate at reduced production throughout 1983. Reduced electrical power production was the reason given for the layoff.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - The 61 unit, $1.3 million Hobbs Super 8 Motel is now open for business.

LAS CRUCES AREA - A Big Save Warehouse grocery store, employing about 45 persons, is scheduled to open in the former Fed-Mart building in Las Cruces this May. First National Bank of Dona Ana County has opened its 12th branch facility in Santa Teresa, south of Las Cruces. Wooten Construction Company was awarded a $2.4 million contract to build the new East Picacho Elementary School in Las Cruces.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Cole-Templeton Inc. of Albuquerque was awarded a $1.5 million contract to construct a learning resources center at Luna Vocational-Technical Institute. After more than a year of renovations, the historic Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas has re-opened for business.

LOS ALAMOS AREA The U. S. Department of Energy has awarded two contracts worth more than $1 million for construction projects at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Chant Corporation of Albuquerque will receive $774,000 for energy conservation improvements and P&M Construction of Ponderosa will receive $629,000 for a well-pumping facility. Work on a $15 million, 80,000 square foot research building at the lab is nearing an end with completion expected this June. Davis and Associates of Santa Fe is the general contractor for the facility.

RATON AREA - Kaiser Steel Corporation has announced a second layoff at their York Canyon Coal Mine near Raton. A total of 80 miners were laid off on February 14th, adding to the 144 workers previously idled on December 1982. The company has suspended underground operations because of its inability to secure contracts to sell the coal.

ROSWELL AREA Somersville Corporation has announced that construction will begin in April on the long planned 300,000 square foot, $10 million shopping mall in Roswell. The new mall should be completed by the summer of 1984 and will contain a J. C. Penney store, a Bealls department store and a Wal-Mart Discount store, along with up to 60 smaller retail outlets. Work is continuing on the 12 floor, $12.5 million First National Bank Tower in Roswell. The new facility is expected to be occupied by the end of this year. Sentry Construction of Hobbs was awarded a $2.6 million contract for construction of an instructional center on the Eastern New Mexico University Roswell Campus. Officials at the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell have announced plans for a $2.0 million expansion of the facility. The hospital expansion is expected to be completed within three years.

SANTA FE AREA - A new bank, American National Bank of Santa Fe, recently opened for business. The Salt Lake City architectural firm of Edwards, Daniels and Associates is designing the estimated $5.6 million, 49,000 square foot Santa Fe County Detention Center. The new jail facility is expected to be under construction by mid-summer.

SILVER CITY AREA - Boliden Minerals has contracted with Gates and Fox, a California mining company, to drill an exploratory shaft near Pinos Altos. If metallurgical testing finds the mine viable, Boliden plans to begin a full-fledged mining operation in the area. The testing by Gates and Fox should provide about 12 jobs and should be completed by August.

SOCORRO/BELEN AREA - Work has begun on Socorro General Hospital's new acute care facility by Lembke Construction of Albuquerque. The new hospital will cost $7.2 million and should be ready for occupancy by August 1984.

TAOS AREA - Molycorp Incorporated at Questa is one of the few molybdenum mines in the nation that has not had any major layoffs because of the current slump in the steel industry. This is due to the $200 million underground expansion project underway at the mine since August 1981 and scheduled for completion this July. Molycorp is presently employing 780 workers and the company has announced no changes in their original plan to increase employment to 1000 when production begins this summer. Amalia Lumber Company laid off 60 workers for one week in early February at their lumber mill in northern Taos County. The Overland Sheepskin Company, an apparel manufacturing firm in Taos, has laid off 20 workers due to declining sales.

TUCUMCARI AREA K and C Construction of Albuquerque is the prime contractor for the $8.5 million Ute Dam renovation project now underway. The project should employ approximately 70 persons and be completed by June of 1984.

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January 1983 CPI-U - 293.1
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CPI-W - 292.1

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1983 1/				REVISED DECEMBER 1982 1/				REVISED JANUARY 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	591,985	529,352	62,633	10.6	596,521	538,107	58,414	9.8	572,798	525,165	47,633	8.3
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	220,801	200,955	19,846	9.0	222,225	203,696	18,529	8.3	211,319	194,278	17,041	8.1
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	37,840	34,134	3,706	9.8	38,830	35,259	3,571	9.2	36,234	33,397	2,837	7.8
Catron	925	701	224	24.2	944	739	205	21.7	876	647	229	26.1
Chaves	24,363	22,730	1,633	6.7	24,332	22,828	1,504	6.2	21,688	20,554	1,134	5.2
Cibola	12,504	9,485	3,019	24.1	12,475	9,541	2,934	23.5	11,714	10,217	1,497	12.8
Colfax	6,542	5,560	982	15.0	6,547	5,686	861	13.2	6,231	5,782	449	7.2
Curry	14,864	13,419	1,445	9.7	14,938	13,777	1,161	7.8	14,216	13,360	856	6.0
De Baca	965	902	63	6.5	1,004	954	50	5.0	951	906	45	4.7
Eddy	24,886	22,205	2,681	10.8	24,971	22,570	2,401	9.6	23,479	22,346	1,133	4.8
Grant	10,183	7,126	3,057	30.0	10,816	7,450	3,366	31.1	12,273	10,842	1,431	11.7
Guadalupe	1,348	1,260	88	6.5	1,375	1,299	76	5.5	1,343	1,202	141	10.5
Harding	477	465	12	2.5	513	497	16	3.1	520	491	29	5.6
Hidalgo	2,519	2,260	259	10.3	2,846	2,253	593	20.8	2,704	2,262	442	16.3
Lea	34,379	32,167	2,212	6.4	34,552	32,654	1,898	5.5	33,840	32,521	1,319	3.9
Lincoln	6,819	6,484	335	4.9	7,017	6,707	310	4.4	6,521	6,199	322	4.9
Los Alamos	10,575	10,335	240	2.3	10,569	10,321	248	2.3	10,828	10,475	353	3.3
Luna	4,942	4,367	575	11.6	5,042	4,436	606	12.0	4,927	4,428	499	10.1
McKinley	17,764	15,023	2,741	15.4	17,888	15,349	2,539	14.2	18,428	16,484	1,944	10.5
Mora	1,182	732	450	38.1	1,153	781	372	32.3	1,077	691	386	35.8
Otero	14,434	13,035	1,399	9.7	14,602	13,360	1,242	8.5	14,009	12,814	1,195	8.5
Quay	4,939	4,346	593	12.0	5,024	4,518	506	10.1	4,671	4,244	427	9.1
Rio Arriba	11,581	8,787	2,794	24.1	11,443	9,064	2,379	20.8	10,955	8,440	2,515	23.0
Roosevelt	7,159	6,695	464	6.5	7,929	7,495	434	5.5	7,349	6,962	387	5.3
San Juan	39,250	33,697	5,553	14.1	39,212	34,190	5,022	12.8	37,824	34,136	3,688	9.8
San Miguel	8,828	7,535	1,293	14.6	9,003	7,783	1,220	13.6	9,048	7,975	1,073	11.9
Santa Fe	38,632	35,639	2,993	7.7	37,944	35,438	2,506	6.6	36,537	33,924	2,613	7.2
Sierra	2,414	2,250	164	6.8	2,529	2,345	184	7.3	2,800	2,700	100	3.6
Socorro	4,710	4,216	494	10.5	4,821	4,337	484	10.0	4,261	3,851	410	9.6
Taos	10,908	9,095	1,813	16.6	10,481	8,817	1,664	15.9	10,353	8,590	1,763	17.0
Torrance	2,151	2,010	141	6.6	2,222	2,113	109	4.9	2,074	1,948	126	6.1
Union	2,342	2,155	187	8.0	2,396	2,212	184	7.7	2,299	2,178	121	5.3
Valencia	10,759	9,582	1,177	10.9	10,878	9,638	1,240	11.4	11,449	10,321	1,128	9.9

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2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE SMSA
1982 CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
BY MONTH AND ANNUAL AVERAGE

NEW MEXICO

1982	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
January	572,798	525,165	47,633	8.3
February	574,923	526,494	48,429	8.4
March	579,153	530,402	48,751	8.4
April	583,729	535,456	48,273	8.3
May	592,246	540,318	51,928	8.8
June	600,006	542,320	57,686	9.6
July	599,301	541,070	58,231	9.7
August	598,069	541,661	56,408	9.4
September	602,113	546,410	55,703	9.3
October	604,719	547,507	57,212	9.5
November	600,422	541,090	59,332	9.9
December	596,521	538,107	58,414	9.8
Annual Average	592,000	538,000	54,000	9.2

ALBUQUERQUE SMSA

1982	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
January	211,319	194,278	17,041	8.1
February	212,832	195,791	17,041	8.0
March	214,121	197,223	16,898	7.9
April	215,539	199,507	16,032	7.4
May	217,153	200,599	16,554	7.6
June	219,694	201,583	18,111	8.2
July	219,658	201,009	18,649	8.5
August	219,824	202,213	17,611	8.0
September	221,761	204,333	17,428	7.9
October	222,492	203,958	18,534	8.3
November	222,302	203,256	19,046	8.6
December	222,225	203,696	18,529	8.3
Annual Average	218,244	200,621	17,623	8.1

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY AREA

1982 ANNUAL AVERAGES 1/

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
NEW MEXICO	592,000	538,000	54,000	9.2
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	218,244	200,621	17,623	8.1
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	37,600	34,026	3,574	9.5
Catron	970	788	182	18.8
Chaves	23,804	22,381	1,423	6.0
Cibola	12,516	9,974	2,542	20.3
Colfax	6,852	6,257	595	8.7
Curry	14,872	13,981	891	6.0
De Baca	1,022	975	47	4.6
Eddy	24,764	22,800	1,964	7.9
Grant	11,714	8,415	3,299	28.2
Guadalupe	1,431	1,331	100	7.0
Harding	580	556	24	4.1
Hidalgo	2,920	2,315	605	20.7
Lea	34,558	32,963	1,595	4.6
Lincoln	7,282	7,002	280	3.8
Los Alamos	10,694	10,423	271	2.5
Luna	5,183	4,564	619	11.9
McKinley	18,352	16,120	2,232	12.2
Mora	1,169	801	368	31.5
Otero	14,403	13,250	1,153	8.0
Quay	5,075	4,615	460	9.1
Rio Arriba	11,100	8,850	2,250	20.3
Roosevelt	7,691	7,324	367	4.8
San Juan	38,447	34,307	4,140	10.8
San Miguel	8,806	7,699	1,107	12.6
Santa Fe	38,366	35,847	2,519	6.6
Sierra	2,719	2,548	171	6.3
Socorro	4,656	4,214	442	9.5
Taos	10,292	8,568	1,724	16.8
Torrance	2,261	2,125	136	6.0
Union	2,461	2,285	176	7.2
Valencia	11,198	10,076	1,122	10.0

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INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	469.4	469.2	470.9	474.0	475.5	475.2	471.7	473.6	477.7	477.2	475.3	476.5	473.9
MINING	30.8	30.3	29.5	28.7	27.3	26.7	25.6	25.3	24.6	24.2	23.5	23.3	26.7
Metal Mining	8.2	8.1	7.5	7.2	6.1	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.6	6.1
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	17.2	17.0	16.8	16.3	16.0	15.9	15.1	15.0	14.6	14.2	13.9	14.0	15.5
CONSTRUCTION	30.8	30.7	31.7	31.6	32.6	32.9	33.0	33.0	32.6	32.5	31.3	30.8	31.9
MANUFACTURING	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.7	33.8	34.0	33.8	34.4	34.6	34.7	34.3	33.7	34.0
Durable Goods	20.9	20.9	21.0	21.0	21.3	21.5	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.8	21.7	21.7	21.4
Lumber & Wood Products	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
Elec & Electronic Equipment	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3
Transportation Equipment	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.1
Other Durable Goods	11.1	11.0	11.1	10.9	11.1	11.1	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	11.0
Nondurable Goods	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.9	13.1	12.9	12.6	12.0	12.6
Food & Kindred Products	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.9
Textile & Apparel	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.6	3.0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29.6	29.7	29.2	29.9	30.2	29.6	29.3	29.6	30.2	30.1	30.2	30.3	29.8
Railroad Transportation	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Trucking & Warehousing	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.8
Other Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.8
Communication	7.6	7.6	7.6	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.9
Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	10.0	9.9	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.1	9.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	105.7	104.3	105.4	107.4	108.9	110.2	110.6	111.1	111.4	111.4	112.0	114.3	109.4
Wholesale Trade	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.8	22.7	22.9	23.0	22.9	22.9	23.0	23.0	23.1	22.8
Durable Goods	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.9	13.7	13.8	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.0
Retail Trade	83.2	81.8	82.9	84.6	86.2	87.3	87.6	88.2	88.5	88.4	89.0	91.2	86.6
General Merchandise Stores	11.2	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.9	10.8	11.0	11.5	12.2	10.9
Food Stores	12.0	11.9	12.0	12.3	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.9	13.0	13.1	13.5	12.6
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.1	12.3	12.2	12.1	11.9
Eating & Drinking Places	27.5	27.4	28.0	29.0	29.9	30.5	30.5	30.8	31.1	30.4	30.2	30.4	29.6
Other Retail Trade	20.9	20.5	20.9	21.1	21.4	21.6	21.8	21.7	21.6	21.7	22.0	23.0	21.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.5	21.5	21.7	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.8	21.7	21.9	21.8
Banking	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.7
SERVICES	91.8	92.2	93.3	94.2	94.8	96.9	97.8	97.6	95.9	95.2	94.7	95.0	94.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.6	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.4	10.9	11.0	10.6	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.2
Personal Services	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8
Business Services	20.6	20.7	20.6	21.2	21.0	21.1	21.0	21.1	21.2	21.3	21.1	21.3	21.0
Health Services	22.9	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.7	23.3	23.7	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.7	23.5
Social Services	6.4	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.6
Membership Organizations	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.7	6.1	5.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8
Other Services	23.3	23.4	23.7	23.8	24.4	24.6	24.8	24.5	24.4	23.7	23.7	24.1	24.0
GOVERNMENT	125.6	126.9	126.5	127.0	126.2	123.0	119.6	120.5	126.5	127.3	127.6	127.2	125.4
Federal	28.8	28.6	28.7	29.0	29.5	29.8	30.0	29.7	28.8	28.7	28.6	28.6	29.1
State	44.1	45.1	44.6	44.5	43.3	40.0	39.1	39.7	44.8	44.4	44.4	43.6	43.1
Local	52.7	53.2	53.2	53.5	53.4	53.2	50.5	51.1	52.9	54.2	54.6	55.0	53.1

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	465.6	467.1	470.6	474.8	478.3	478.7	475.9	478.6	480.2	478.9	477.5	479.4	475.5
MINING	30.5	30.3	30.6	30.8	31.2	32.1	31.7	31.8	31.6	31.3	31.3	31.2	31.2
Metal Mining	10.2	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.6	8.5	8.4	9.4
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.9	14.9	15.3	15.8	16.1	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	17.1	17.2	17.2	16.3
CONSTRUCTION	31.1	31.1	31.5	32.9	33.7	34.1	34.5	34.5	34.3	34.3	33.5	33.6	33.3
MANUFACTURING	33.8	33.6	33.7	33.7	34.2	34.5	34.8	35.2	34.7	35.0	34.5	34.3	34.3
Durable Goods	20.6	20.4	20.5	20.8	21.1	21.3	21.7	21.7	20.8	21.3	21.0	21.1	21.0
Lumber & Wood Products	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.6
Elec & Electronic Equipment	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.5
Transportation Equipment	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.2	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8
Other Durable Goods	10.8	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.6	11.6	11.4	11.4	11.2	11.2	11.2
Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.2	13.2	12.9	13.1	13.2	13.1	13.5	13.9	13.7	13.5	13.2	13.3
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.1
Textile & Apparel	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6
Other Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28.9	28.8	29.1	29.0	29.2	28.7	28.9	28.8	29.7	29.7	29.8	29.9	29.2
Railroad Transportation	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.1
Trucking & Warehousing	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.2	5.7
Other Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.6
Communication	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5
Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	8.9	5.0	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	102.7	101.6	102.7	103.6	105.9	107.1	107.2	108.6	107.7	107.0	107.7	110.0	106.0
Wholesale Trade	21.7	21.8	22.1	22.3	22.6	22.9	22.8	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.6	22.8	22.5
Durable Goods	13.1	13.2	13.4	13.5	13.7	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.5	13.7	13.6
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.9
Retail Trade	81.0	79.8	80.6	81.3	83.3	84.2	84.4	85.8	85.0	84.2	85.1	87.2	83.5
General Merchandise Stores	10.6	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.6	12.3	10.7
Food Stores	11.8	12.0	12.1	11.6	12.0	12.0	12.3	12.5	12.5	12.2	12.2	12.5	12.2
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	12.0	11.8	11.8	12.0	12.0	12.2	12.1	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.9
Eating & Drinking Places	26.2	26.0	26.6	27.3	28.1	28.7	28.5	29.2	28.7	28.3	28.2	28.3	27.8
Other Retail Trade	20.4	19.9	20.1	20.3	20.9	21.0	21.0	21.4	21.1	20.9	21.3	22.3	20.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.0	21.0	21.1	21.5	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.9	21.7	21.6	21.5	21.5	21.5
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7
SERVICES	92.3	92.6	94.1	95.2	94.5	96.7	96.8	96.9	94.1	92.6	91.8	92.1	94.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.8	10.0	10.6	10.8	10.9	10.2	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.9
Personal Services	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.6
Business Services	19.8	20.1	20.1	20.2	20.1	20.2	20.3	20.4	20.8	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.4
Health Services	21.5	21.6	21.7	21.8	21.9	22.2	22.5	22.9	22.8	22.7	22.7	22.9	22.3
Social Services	10.2	10.0	11.2	11.2	9.8	9.2	8.8	8.7	7.9	6.9	6.8	6.6	8.9
Membership Organizations	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	6.1	6.0	5.8	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.9
Other Services	22.3	22.4	22.6	22.7	23.3	23.9	23.9	23.8	23.3	23.2	22.9	23.0	23.1
GOVERNMENT	125.3	128.1	127.8	128.1	128.0	123.7	120.1	120.9	126.4	127.4	127.4	126.8	125.8
Federal	29.2	29.4	29.4	29.8	30.6	30.6	30.7	30.5	30.0	29.9	29.4	29.0	29.9
State	43.9	45.8	45.5	45.4	44.3	41.0	40.6	41.3	45.5	45.2	45.5	45.0	44.1
Local	52.2	52.9	52.9	52.9	53.1	52.1	48.8	49.1	50.9	52.3	52.5	52.8	51.9

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INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	184.9	185.5	186.7	188.5	189.8	189.7	189.3	190.4	192.4	192.1	191.5	192.3	189.4
CONSTRUCTION	10.4	10.7	11.1	11.1	11.5	11.8	12.1	12.3	12.3	12.2	11.7	11.4	11.6
MANUFACTURING	17.6	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.7	18.0	17.9	18.1	18.2	18.2	18.1	18.1	17.9
Durable Goods	12.3	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.8	12.7	12.8	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.6
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11.8	11.8	11.6	12.0	12.2	11.9	11.8	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.0
Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.2
Communication	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	47.2	46.5	46.8	47.4	48.0	48.2	48.3	48.3	48.4	48.2	48.5	49.4	47.9
Wholesale Trade	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.3	13.2	13.2	13.4	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.2	13.3	13.3
Durable Goods	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.5
Retail Trade	34.0	33.4	33.7	34.1	34.8	35.0	34.9	35.0	35.1	34.9	35.3	36.1	34.7
General Merchandise Stores	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.1
Food Stores	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
Eating & Drinking Places	11.9	11.9	12.1	12.4	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.8	12.5	12.4	12.5	12.5
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.4	10.8	10.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	10.7	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.9
Banking	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
SERVICES & MINING	45.7	46.1	46.5	47.1	47.3	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.3	47.7	47.5	47.6	47.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7
Health Services	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.2
Social Services	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Membership Organizations	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.6
Other Services & Mining	28.3	28.5	28.7	29.2	29.2	29.1	29.0	28.9	29.0	29.3	29.2	29.3	29.0
GOVERNMENT	41.5	42.3	42.4	42.6	42.3	41.3	40.7	41.0	42.9	42.5	42.4	42.5	42.0
Federal	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.3	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.1
State	11.5	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	10.3	10.0	10.5	13.0	11.9	11.9	11.6	11.5
Local	17.9	18.2	18.1	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.3	18.2	18.0	18.7	18.6	19.0	18.3

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	185.4	185.8	187.2	188.9	189.5	189.5	188.4	190.4	190.8	189.8	189.3	189.5	188.7
CONSTRUCTION	11.4	11.4	11.6	12.1	12.4	12.6	12.4	12.3	12.2	11.9	11.5	11.4	11.9
MANUFACTURING	17.6	17.4	17.4	17.7	17.9	18.1	18.2	18.1	18.1	18.0	17.8	17.9	17.8
Durable Goods	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.3	12.4	12.3
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.7	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.0	12.0	11.9
Transportation	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5
Communication	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	46.6	46.2	46.7	46.6	47.3	47.6	47.7	48.2	48.1	47.9	48.5	49.4	47.6
Wholesale Trade	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.3	13.4	13.3
Durable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.9	8.8
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4
Retail Trade	33.7	33.2	33.7	33.5	34.1	34.3	34.2	34.7	34.6	34.4	35.2	36.0	34.3
General Merchandise Stores	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.2
Food Stores	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
Eating & Drinking Places	11.8	11.7	12.1	12.0	12.2	12.4	12.1	12.3	12.3	12.1	12.3	12.4	12.1
Other Retail Trade	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	10.0	10.4	9.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	10.7	10.7	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.9
Banking	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7
SERVICES & MINING	44.3	44.3	44.6	45.5	45.6	46.0	46.1	46.0	46.6	46.0	46.0	45.8	45.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
Health Services	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.4	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	11.0	10.6
Social Services	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7
Membership Organizations	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
Other Services & Mining	27.6	27.5	27.5	28.0	28.0	28.1	28.1	27.9	28.2	28.3	28.3	28.1	28.0
GOVERNMENT	43.0	43.9	44.1	44.2	43.4	42.5	41.2	42.8	43.4	43.1	42.7	42.2	43.0
Federal	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.8
State	12.0	12.5	12.5	12.5	11.8	10.6	10.4	11.9	13.3	12.5	12.2	11.7	12.0
Local	18.4	18.7	18.8	18.8	18.6	18.9	17.9	18.0	17.4	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.3

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INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,275	31,175	31,650	31,825	31,500	30,425	29,650	29,825	30,975	32,025	31,900	32,050	31,200
CONSTRUCTION	1,575	1,625	1,600	1,525	1,625	1,625	1,600	1,600	1,625	1,575	1,600	1,600	1,600
MANUFACTURING	2,850	2,825	2,825	2,975	2,925	2,875	2,825	3,100	3,250	3,175	2,850	2,725	2,925
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,275	1,250	1,300	1,300	1,325	1,200	1,175	1,150	1,275	1,250	1,275	1,325	1,250
Transportation	625	600	625	625	625	500	450	425	550	550	575	625	550
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	650	650	675	675	700	700	725	725	725	700	700	700	700
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,875	5,850	5,950	5,900	5,900	5,750	5,825	5,900	5,875	5,925	5,975	6,175	5,900
Wholesale Trade	850	850	825	800	800	850	825	825	800	825	825	825	825
Retail Trade	5,025	5,000	5,125	5,100	5,100	4,900	5,000	5,075	5,075	5,100	5,150	5,350	5,075
General Merchandise Stores	900	875	875	800	750	725	775	775	750	750	750	850	800
Food Stores	625	625	675	750	725	725	700	675	700	700	725	825	700
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	750	725	725	725	750	750	750	750	750	775	750
Eating & Drinking Places	1,725	1,750	1,800	1,825	1,875	1,750	1,775	1,800	1,825	1,850	1,875	1,800	1,800
Other Retail Trade	1,025	1,000	1,025	1,000	1,025	975	1,000	1,075	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,100	1,025
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,275	1,250	1,225	1,225	1,200	1,225	1,250
SERVICES & MINING	4,250	4,175	4,275	4,400	4,150	4,125	4,075	4,050	3,925	4,225	4,250	4,250	4,175
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	625	625	625	625	625	625	600	600	625	625	625	625	625
Business Services	800	725	750	700	725	725	750	775	725	700	725	750	750
Health Services	750	750	775	825	825	825	850	825	825	825	850	850	825
Social Services	275	275	300	300	300	300	325	325	250	250	250	225	275
Other Services & Mining	1,800	1,800	1,825	1,950	1,675	1,650	1,550	1,525	1,500	1,825	1,800	1,800	1,725
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,200	14,200	14,450	14,475	14,325	13,600	12,875	12,775	13,800	14,650	14,750	14,750	14,075
Total Federal Government	4,500	4,325	4,350	4,300	4,375	4,400	4,475	4,350	4,175	4,300	4,325	4,375	4,350
Total State Government	5,300	5,350	5,525	5,500	5,350	4,600	4,325	4,250	5,125	5,725	5,750	5,725	5,200
Total Local Government	4,400	4,525	4,575	4,675	4,600	4,600	4,075	4,175	4,500	4,625	4,675	4,650	4,500

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	29,550	29,825	29,975	30,175	30,400	29,200	28,975	29,050	30,125	31,325	31,050	31,600	30,100
CONSTRUCTION	1,725	1,750	1,675	1,725	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,725	1,600	1,675	1,700	1,650	1,725
MANUFACTURING	2,575	2,525	2,575	2,550	2,550	2,575	2,725	2,900	3,050	3,150	2,875	2,850	2,750
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,200	1,050	1,100	1,125	1,250	1,250	1,275	1,275	1,200
Transportation	575	575	575	575	550	400	450	450	575	575	600	600	550
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	625	650	650	650	650	650	650	675	675	675	675	675	650
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,175	5,150	5,200	5,350	5,450	5,475	5,625	5,825	5,750	5,925	6,000	6,200	5,600
Wholesale Trade	925	900	875	900	925	950	875	850	850	900	875	875	900
Retail Trade	4,250	4,250	4,325	4,450	4,525	4,525	4,750	4,975	4,900	5,025	5,125	5,325	4,700
General Merchandise Stores	600	600	600	625	650	675	875	925	900	850	925	1,000	775
Food Stores	575	600	600	575	575	575	575	575	600	600	600	625	575
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	725	725	750	725	700	725	725	725	725	725	725	750	725
Eating & Drinking Places	1,425	1,450	1,475	1,625	1,650	1,625	1,650	1,750	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,825	1,650
Other Retail Trade	925	875	900	900	950	925	925	1,000	975	1,050	1,075	1,125	975
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,175	1,150	1,175	1,200	1,200	1,250	1,300	1,275	1,250	1,275	1,300	1,300	1,225
SERVICES & MINING	4,125	4,150	4,200	4,275	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,075	3,900	4,125	4,075	4,125	4,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	625	650	650	650	650	650	625	600	625	650	625
Business Services	675	700	700	750	750	750	800	850	775	775	750	775	750
Health Services	675	675	675	675	700	700	700	725	700	700	725	700	700
Social Services	425	425	425	425	375	375	375	350	325	275	250	250	350
Other Services & Mining	1,700	1,700	1,775	1,775	1,525	1,525	1,475	1,500	1,475	1,775	1,725	1,750	1,650
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	13,575	13,875	13,925	13,850	14,100	13,050	12,425	12,125	13,325	13,925	13,825	14,200	13,525
Total Federal Government	4,075	4,200	4,200	4,125	4,425	4,275	4,325	4,250	4,250	4,300	4,075	4,375	4,250
Total State Government	5,300	5,425	5,450	5,425	5,350	4,500	4,275	4,200	4,900	5,350	5,450	5,425	5,100
Total Local Government	4,200	4,250	4,275	4,300	4,325	4,275	3,825	3,675	4,175	4,275	4,300	4,400	4,175

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HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates for February, both New Mexico's unemployment rate and the number of unemployed have reached their highest levels so far in the current recession. The State's jobless rate climbed from 10.6 percent in January to 10.8 percent in February, while unemployment grew by 800 to a total of 64,000. The 10.8 percent unemployment rate this February is the highest since June 1975, when a rate of 11.2 percent was recorded. During that recessionary period, New Mexico's jobless rate peaked in March 1975 at 11.4 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this February was 11.3 percent, down slightly from 11.4 percent in January.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 1400 between January and February, due mainly to seasonal increases in government and services and to a rather strong showing by construction. Partly offsetting these gains were normal seasonal job losses in trade and continued recessionary contractions in mining. In February, state government employment usually rises sharply as temporary losses due to holiday breaks at state educational institutions are recouped. This February was no exception, and state government employment rose by 1700, easily the largest monthly employment change of any sector in the State. Also normal for this time of year was the 700 job gain in services, spread among business and social services and private education. Probably the best showing of any major industry during the month was the 300 employment gain in construction. This continues the moderate upswing in building activity shown over the last few months.

Of the employment losers in February, the trade sector recorded the largest decline, largely related to post-holiday reductions at retail businesses. Not seasonally related, however, were the additional 600 mining jobs lost in February. This latest decrease means that the New Mexico mining industry has cut 7800 jobs or 25 percent of its payroll over the last year. Almost half of this reduction was in the copper and uranium categories, another 40 percent was in oil and gas, and most of the remainder occurred in potash. Additional mining layoffs are expected this spring by Carbon Coal near Gallup and Potash Company of America in the Carlsbad area. On the bright side, construction employment can be expected to gain momentum in upcoming months as warmer weather arrives; the housing revival continues; and several large projects get underway, including the new state prison near Grants and overhaul work at the Four Corners Power Plant near Farmington.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY [1]

	Prel	*Revised*		*Change From*	
	Feb 1983	Jan 1983	Feb 1982	Jan 1983	Feb 1982
Civilian Labor Force	592,900	593,500	574,900	- 600	+18,000
Employment	528,900	530,300	526,500	-1,400	+ 2,400
Unemployment	64,000	63,200	48,400	+ 800	+15,600
Rate (*Actual*)	10.8%	10.6%	8.4%		

[1] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim FEB 1983	*Revised* JAN 1983	*Revised* FEB 1982	*FEB Change From* JAN 1983	FEB 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	470,100	468,700	469,200	+1,400	+ 900
MINING	22,500	23,100	30,300	- 600	-7,800
Metal Mining	4,400	4,500	8,100	- 100	-3,700
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,200	4,500	5,200	- 300	-1,000
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,900	14,100	17,000	- 200	-3,100
CONSTRUCTION	30,200	29,900	30,700	+ 300	- 500
MANUFACTURING	33,400	33,600	33,600	- 200	- 200
Durable Goods	21,600	21,700	20,900	- 100	+ 700
Lumber and Wood Products	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,300	4,400	4,000	- 100	+ 300
Transportation Equipment	4,600	4,600	3,900	0	+ 700
Other Durable Goods	10,700	10,700	11,000	0	- 300
Nondurable Goods	11,800	11,900	12,700	- 100	- 900
Food and Kindred Products	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	3,200	0	- 800
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,800	5,800	- 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,300	29,300	29,700	0	- 400
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,800	0	- 500
Trucking and Warehousing	5,500	5,400	5,900	+ 100	- 400
Other Transportation	4,000	4,100	3,900	- 100	+ 100
Communication	7,500	7,500	7,600	0	- 100
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	10,000	10,000	9,500	0	+ 500
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	109,000	110,200	104,300	-1,200	+4,700
Wholesale Trade	22,800	22,900	22,500	- 100	+ 300
Durable Goods	13,800	13,800	13,700	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,100	8,800	- 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	86,200	87,300	81,800	-1,100	+4,400
General Merchandise Stores	10,300	10,800	10,500	- 500	- 200
Food Stores	13,200	13,200	11,900	0	+1,300
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,900	12,100	11,500	- 200	+ 400
Eating and Drinking Places	29,400	29,500	27,400	- 100	+2,000
Other Retail Trade	21,400	21,700	20,500	- 300	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	21,900	22,000	21,500	- 100	+ 400
Banking	7,800	7,800	7,500	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8,700	8,800	8,600	- 100	+ 100
SERVICES	94,600	93,900	92,200	+ 700	+2,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9,600	9,800	9,500	- 200	+ 100
Personal Services	5,100	5,100	4,800	0	+ 300
Business Services	21,300	21,100	20,700	+ 200	+ 600
Health Services	23,600	23,700	23,000	- 100	+ 600
Social Services	6,300	6,100	6,500	+ 200	- 200
Membership Organizations	4,600	4,500	4,300	+ 100	+ 300
Other Services	24,100	23,600	23,400	+ 500	+ 700
GOVERNMENT	129,200	126,700	126,900	+2,500	+2,300
Federal	29,600	29,300	28,600	+ 300	+1,000
State 2/	44,500	42,800	45,100	+1,700	- 600
Local	55,100	54,600	53,200	+ 500	+1,900

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque economy seemed to perform somewhat better than Statewide New Mexico during February, according to preliminary labor force and most nonfarm payroll employment estimates. Unemployment declined seasonally by 700 persons during the month, lowering the jobless rate from 9.1 percent in January to 8.8 percent in February. These changes closely follow the pattern usually seen this time of year, unlike the Statewide figures which climbed to record-setting levels during February.

Total nonfarm payroll employment added 700 jobs during the month. Normal seasonal job gains were reported in government and services, while the trade industry continued its usual post-holiday losses during the month. Manufacturing edged down by 100 jobs, all in the non-durable goods sector. The only employment change really out of the ordinary for February was the construction loss of 200 jobs. This is especially perplexing because a slight upswing in building activity was evident in recent months' construction figures. Too much emphasis should not be given the preliminary February estimate, however, and strong construction gains are still expected in upcoming months. Supporting this projection are building permits issued by the City of Albuquerque, which for the first two months of this year were almost double the same period in 1982.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Feb 1983	Jan 1983	Feb 1982	Jan 1983	Feb 1982
Civilian Labor Force	220,900	221,000	213,000	-100	+7,900
Employment	201,500	200,900	195,800	+600	+5,700
Unemployment	19,400	20,100	17,200	-700	+2,200
Rate	8.8%	9.1%	8.1%		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*FEB Change From*	
	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	FEB 1982	JAN 1983	FEB 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	189,500	188,800	185,500	+700	+4,000
CONSTRUCTION	10,600	10,800	10,700	-200	- 100
MANUFACTURING	17,800	17,900	17,400	-100	+ 400
Durable Goods	12,600	12,600	12,200	0	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	5,200	5,300	5,200	-100	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,700	11,600	11,800	+100	- 100
Transportation	4,900	4,800	5,400	+100	- 500
Communication	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	+ 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	47,200	47,600	46,500	-400	+ 700
Wholesale Trade	13,300	13,300	13,100	0	+ 200
Durable Goods	8,800	8,800	8,700	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	33,900	34,300	33,400	-400	+ 500
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,900	4,100	-100	- 300
Food Stores	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	+ 100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,200	4,300	4,100	-100	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	12,100	12,100	11,900	0	+ 200
Other Retail Trade	9,900	10,100	9,500	-200	+ 400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	11,000	10,700	0	+ 300
Banking	3,000	2,900	2,800	+100	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,600	4,700	4,600	-100	0
SERVICES and MINING	47,800	47,400	46,100	+400	+1,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+ 100
Health Services	11,400	11,300	10,900	+100	+ 500
Social Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	- 200
Other Services and Mining	29,800	29,500	28,500	+300	+1,300
GOVERNMENT	43,400	42,500	42,300	+900	+1,100
Federal	12,700	12,300	12,200	+400	+ 500
State	11,800	11,400	11,900	+400	- 100
Local	18,900	18,800	18,200	+100	+ 700

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim FEB 1983	*Revised* JAN 1983	*Revised* FEB 1982	*FEB Change From* JAN 1983	FEB 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	32,025	31,875	31,175	+150	+850
CONSTRUCTION	1,775	1,625	1,625	+150	+150
MANUFACTURING	2,800	2,825	2,825	- 25	- 25
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,225	1,225	1,250	0	- 25
Transportation	575	575	600	0	- 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	650	650	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,875	5,925	5,850	- 50	+ 25
Wholesale Trade	825	850	850	- 25	- 25
Retail Trade	5,050	5,075	5,000	- 25	+ 50
General Merchandise Stores	700	750	875	- 50	-175
Food Stores	800	800	625	0	+175
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	750	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	1,800	1,750	1,750	+ 50	+ 50
Other Retail Trade	1,000	1,025	1,000	- 25	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,225	1,250	- 25	- 50
SERVICES & MINING	4,200	4,200	4,175	0	+ 25
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	575	600	625	- 25	- 50
Business Services	750	725	725	+ 25	+ 25
Health Services	850	850	750	0	+100
Social Services	225	225	275	0	- 50
Other Services & Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
GOVERNMENT	14,950	14,850	14,200	+100	+750
Federal	4,375	4,525	4,325	-150	+ 50
State	5,775	5,625	5,350	+150	+425
Local	4,800	4,700	4,525	+100	+275

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	FEB 1982	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	FEB 1982	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	FEB 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$479.57	$486.78	$456.57	43.4	42.7	43.4	$11.05	$11.40	$10.52
CONSTRUCTION	366.80	386.20	368.22	34.9	36.4	36.1	10.51	10.61	10.20
MANUFACTURING	300.70	297.48	275.48	40.2	40.2	38.8	7.48	7.40	7.10
Durable Goods	317.65	327.22	296.42	41.2	40.8	38.9	7.71	8.02	7.62
Nondurable Gds	241.16	231.07	231.60	37.8	38.9	38.6	6.38	5.94	6.00
COMM and UTIL	394.94	393.57	371.37	40.8	40.7	40.9	9.68	9.67	9.08
TRADE *	232.78	241.16	235.25	34.9	34.6	34.8	6.67	6.97	6.76
BANKING	195.43	205.93	185.98	37.8	39.3	37.8	5.17	5.24	4.92
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$296.46	$301.90	$285.72	39.9	40.2	38.3	$ 7.43	$ 7.51	$ 7.46

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - La Vida Llena, the new $14 million retirement community in the far Northeast Heights, began operations in early March. The new facility, which contains 225 living units and a 60 unit nursing center, is managed by a Missouri based firm, Retirement Centers of America Inc. The $14 million One Executive Center office complex at 8500 Menaul Blvd. N. E. was recently completed. Ground breaking ceremonies were held in March for the city's newest industrial park, the Gateway Business Center. The $4.2 million development will include five buildings with a combined 130,500 square feet of office and storage space. The new park is located at 1591 Pan American Highway N. E. American Services Corporation is planning to construct approximately 200 homes in the $120,000 range on 78 acres the firm recently purchased on the west side of Albuquerque. The firm has also reserved an additional 250 acres for further expansion of its building project. GTE Lenkurt laid off 83 workers in early March due to changing production requirements, according to company officials. GTE Lenkurt is currently employing 1200 workers at its Albuquerque plant. Officials of Levi Strauss and Company have announced plans to double the workforce at their manufacturing plant at 3900 Vassar Drive N.E. over the next year. The Levi Strauss plant currently employs 225 workers. Albuquerque's two newest nursing homes, the 120 bed Anne Pickard Convalescent Hospital and Las Palomas Health Care Center, recently began receiving residents. Intel Corporation is now employing almost 100 non-production workers at their new plant in Rio Rancho. Company officials are still not sure when production will begin at the semi-conductor plant.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Ground was broken recently for Los Arcos, a $3 million, 92 unit apartment complex in Alamogordo.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Employment at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site near Carlsbad could reach 350 by this September if the required state approvals are obtained, according to Department of Energy officials. Presently, about 100 persons are working at the WIPP site on the first phase of the project. Full scale construction on WIPP is expected to take four years to complete, and employment should peak at about 650. Potash Company of America laid off 70 workers in mid-March, reducing their workforce to approximately 400. Within the last year, over 600 persons have been laid off in the Carlsbad area potash industry.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - United Desiccants Inc. has started construction on its new clay processing plant near Belen. The plant, which will process clay used as a moisture prohibitive agent in electronic equipment, is expected to employ 30 persons.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - An Alco discount store is scheduled to open in the vacant Woolco building in Clovis about mid-May. The new store is expected to employ 65 persons. Recently opening in Clovis was a North Carolina based restaurant chain, Golden Corral Family Steak House.

FARMINGTON AREA - J. C. Penney Company will open its new 51,000 square foot store in the Animas Mall on April 6. Employment at the new Penney store will be about 85.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Carbon Coal Company has halted production at their Mentmore mine near Gallup for at least three months. Approximately 170 workers were laid off at the mine effective April 1. A recent U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals' decision will result in further delays in constructing the Star Lake spur railroad, according to Santa Fe railway officials. The Santa Fe Coal Corporation has signed a contract to deliver coal from its Lee Ranch mine to the Plains Escalante Electric Generation Station now under construction near Prewitt. Coal deliveries will begin in 1984 , at which time approximately 400 workers are expected to be employed at the Lee Ranch mine. Homestake Mining Company will shut down its uranium mine near Grants, which employs approximately 400 workers, for two months beginning in late May. The shutdown is necessary because of the severely reduced demand for uranium, according to company officials.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Tipperary Corporation has contracted with Fish Engineering and Construction Inc. of Houston to construct a $2.5 million cryogenic gas processing unit at its Denton facility near Lovington.

LAS CRUCES AREA - According to a recent study from New Mexico State University, almost one-fifth of the economic activity in Dona Ana County is due to the presence of the University. A French wine company has asked the Sierra County Commission to authorize $9.5 million in industrial revenue bonds to finance the establishment of vineyards east of Truth or Consequences. The French Wine Growers Corporation wants to plant 700 acres of grapes and construct an irrigation system using water from the Rio Grande.

LAS VEGAS AREA - An Oregon based company, D.B. Western, is negotiating with Montana de Fibre to locate a resin glue plant adjacent to Montana de Fibre's planned fiberboard factory near Las Vegas. D.B. Western's plant would employ 16 full-time workers. P.D. Forest Products has purchased the former New Mexico Mill and Lumber Company near Las Vegas and plans to employ 40 workers initially. Mora County will receive a $500,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to finance construction for a new water system and for housing rehabilitation.

RATON/CLAYTON AREA - The Employment Security Department sponsored a Job Assistance Program on March 15 in Raton. The program, which was presented earlier in Silver City and Grants, offered unemployed area residents job search training, information on statewide job availability, and reviewed available services. Western Hollow Metal Company has laid off eight welders and machine operatiors. Amoco Production Company has selected Dresser Engineering to design and construct a multi-million dollar CO_2 compression station and a gathering system of about 50 miles of pipeline to be located south of Clayton in the Bravo Dome project area. The CO_2 will be transported by pipeline to the West Texas area for use in tertiary oil recovery.

ROSWELL AREA - Transportation Manufacturing Corporation laid off 153 workers in late February, reducing employment at the Roswell Air Industrial Park facility to approximately 1000. Retirement Ranches Inc. has been granted state approval to construct a $3.7 million nursing care facility in Roswell. Work on the new 120 bed, 100 apartment complex is scheduled to begin by the end of this year.

SANTA FE AREA - The City Planning Commission recently approved the development of a 78 lot subdivision by Amdec, a development subsidiary of Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan. The City Council has turned down a request by Hospital Corporation of America to locate a 60 bed psychiatric hospital in Santa Fe.

SILVER CITY AREA - American National Bank has opened for business in their newly completed building in Silver City.

TAOS AREA - Taos Ski Valley is scheduled to close for the season on April 10, 1983, which will mean the layoff of approximately 350 workers.

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February 1983 CPI-U - 293.2
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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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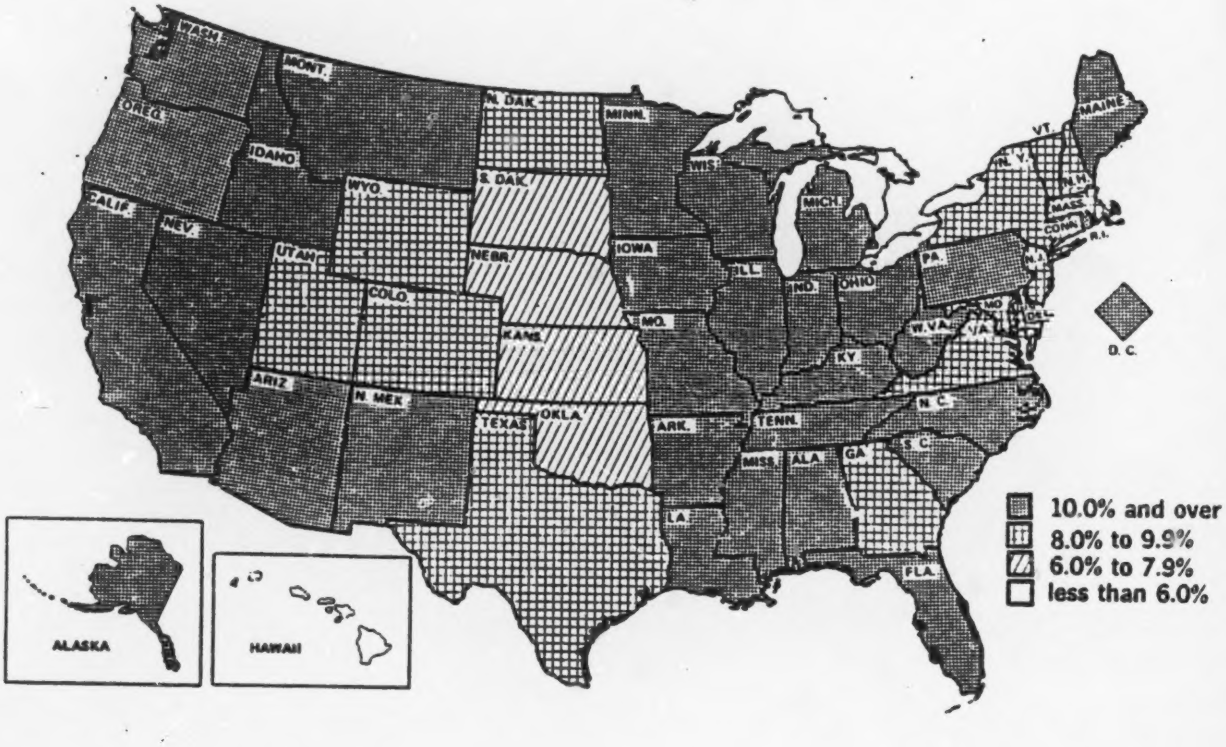
Unemployment Rates by State, January 1983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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1983 1/				REVISED JANUARY 1983 1/				REVISED FEBRUARY 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	592,912	528,915	63,997	10.8	593,496	530,333	63,163	10.6	574,923	526,494	48,429	8.4
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	220,822	201,463	19,359	8.8	221,075	200,937	20,138	9.1	212,953	195,791	17,162	8.1
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	38,256	34,469	3,787	9.9	38,286	34,471	3,815	10.0	36,341	33,366	2,975	8.2
Catron	936	676	260	27.8	932	702	230	24.7	893	640	253	28.3
Chaves	24,228	22,570	1,658	6.8	24,404	22,760	1,644	6.7	21,987	20,906	1,081	4.9
Cibola	12,330	9,431	2,899	23.5	12,509	9,498	3,011	24.1	11,840	10,217	1,623	13.7
Colfax	6,542	5,416	1,126	17.2	6,559	5,567	992	15.1	6,253	5,774	479	7.7
Curry	14,709	13,260	1,449	9.9	14,934	13,437	1,497	10.0	14,320	13,403	917	6.4
De Baca	960	902	58	6.0	964	903	61	6.3	945	899	46	4.9
Eddy	24,890	21,836	3,054	12.3	24,940	22,235	2,705	10.8	23,917	22,392	1,525	6.4
Grant	10,261	7,214	3,047	29.7	10,230	7,136	3,094	30.2	12,018	10,514	1,504	12.5
Guadalupe	1,317	1,233	84	6.4	1,350	1,262	88	6.5	1,325	1,169	156	11.8
Harding	504	497	7	1.4	478	466	12	2.5	540	521	19	3.5
Hidalgo	2,610	2,259	351	13.4	2,522	2,263	259	10.3	2,454	2,315	139	5.7
Lea	34,411	32,057	2,357	6.8	34,444	32,210	2,234	6.5	33,661	32,569	1,092	3.2
Lincoln	6,899	6,553	346	5.0	6,829	6,492	337	4.9	6,497	6,249	248	3.8
Los Alamos	10,490	10,249	241	2.3	10,541	10,303	238	2.3	10,498	10,246	252	2.4
Luna	5,091	4,388	703	13.8	5,055	4,373	682	13.5	4,942	4,403	539	10.9
McKinley	17,666	14,891	2,775	15.7	17,764	15,043	2,721	15.3	18,598	16,529	2,069	11.1
Mora	1,213	750	463	38.2	1,180	733	447	37.9	1,139	710	429	37.7
Otero	14,415	13,022	1,393	9.7	14,442	13,053	1,389	9.6	13,943	12,781	1,162	8.3
Quay	4,992	4,358	634	12.7	4,939	4,352	587	11.9	4,672	4,255	417	8.9
Rio Arriba	11,696	8,825	2,871	24.5	11,573	8,799	2,774	24.0	11,439	8,647	2,792	24.4
Roosevelt	7,535	7,034	501	6.6	7,692	7,227	465	6.0	7,514	7,144	370	4.9
San Juan	39,768	33,661	6,107	15.4	39,264	33,742	5,522	14.1	37,603	33,957	3,646	9.7
San Miguel	8,827	7,495	1,332	15.1	8,832	7,545	1,287	14.6	8,564	7,426	1,138	13.3
Santa Fe	38,065	35,155	2,910	7.6	38,667	35,687	2,980	7.7	36,753	34,070	2,683	7.3
Sierra	2,452	2,255	197	8.0	2,416	2,253	163	6.7	2,726	2,593	133	4.9
Socorro	4,643	4,093	550	11.8	4,498	4,011	487	10.8	4,484	4,060	424	9.5
Taos	11,037	9,133	1,904	17.3	10,914	9,108	1,806	16.5	10,280	8,521	1,759	17.1
Torrance	2,171	2,037	134	6.2	2,152	2,012	140	6.5	2,091	1,944	147	7.0
Union	2,382	2,206	176	7.4	2,344	2,158	186	7.9	2,301	2,161	140	6.1
Valencia	10,794	9,527	1,267	11.7	10,767	9,595	1,172	10.9	11,432	10,322	1,110	9.7

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*

3/ *Dona Ana County*

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HIGHLIGHTS

During March, according to preliminary estimates, both the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate in New Mexico declined slightly from February, due mainly to normal seasonal changes. The number of unemployed job seekers in the State decreased by 1,300 to total 63,000, while the jobless rate edged downward from the recession-high 10.8 percent in February to 10.6 percent in March. New Mexico's unemployment rate remained slightly below the national rate, which decreased from 11.3 to 10.8 percent over the same period.

Looking at nonfarm payroll employment in the State, a moderate seasonal gain of 2,000 jobs was noted in March. Increased construction activity accounted for 1,200 additional jobs, while services employment rose by 1,000. The services increase was primarily centered in lodging, health and social services. The only other significant employment gainer in March was in trade, as eating and drinking places added 600 jobs to their payrolls. Offsetting these increases were continued employment losses in both mining and manufacturing. Mining lost 600 jobs in March, spread among all industry sub-sectors. Unbelievably, this is the sixteenth consecutive monthly employment decline for this industry, going all the way back to December 1981. In manufacturing, employment fell by 200 from February as the transportation equipment and lumber subsectors experienced layoffs.

MARCH SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Mar 1983	Feb 1983	Mar 1982	Feb 1983	Mar 1982
Civilian Labor Force	594,000	593,500	579,200	+ 500	+14,800
Employment	531,000	529,200	530,400	+1,800	+ 600
Unemployment	63,000	64,300	48,800	-1,300	+14,200
Rate	10.6%	10.8%	8.4%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	MAR	*Change From*
	MAR	FEB	MAR	FEB	MAR
	1983	1983	1982	1983	1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	472,300	470,300	470,900	+2,000	+1,400
MINING	21,200	21,800	29,500	- 600	-8,300
Metal Mining	4,000	4,300	7,500	- 300	-3,500
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	4,200	5,200	- 200	-1,200
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,200	13,300	16,800	- 100	-3,600
CONSTRUCTION	32,000	30,800	31,700	+1,200	+ 300
MANUFACTURING	33,200	33,400	33,600	- 200	- 400
Durable Goods	21,300	21,600	21,000	- 300	+ 300
Lumber and Wood Products	1,900	2,000	1,900	- 100	0
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,500	4,400	4,100	+ 100	+ 400
Transportation Equipment	4,300	4,500	3,900	- 200	+ 400
Other Durable Goods	10,600	10,700	11,100	- 100	- 500
Nondurable Goods	11,900	11,800	12,600	+ 100	- 700
Food and Kindred Products	3,700	3,700	3,600	0	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	3,200	0	- 800
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,700	5,800	+ 100	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,400	29,300	29,200	+ 100	+ 200
Railroad Transportation	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	- 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,400	5,500	5,800	- 100	- 400
Other Transportation	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	+ 200
Communication	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	10,100	9,900	9,600	+ 200	+ 500
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	108,800	108,400	105,400	+ 400	+3,400
Wholesale Trade	22,500	22,500	22,500	0	0
Durable Goods	13,500	13,600	13,700	- 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	9,000	8,900	8,800	+ 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	86,300	85,900	82,900	+ 400	+3,400
General Merchandise Stores	10,100	10,200	10,400	- 100	- 300
Food Stores	13,000	13,100	12,000	- 100	+1,000
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,900	11,900	11,600	0	+ 300
Eating and Drinking Places	30,000	29,400	28,000	+ 600	+2,000
Other Retail Trade	21,300	21,300	20,900	0	+ 400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,200	22,100	21,700	+ 100	+ 500
Banking	7,800	7,800	7,600	0	+ 200
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,000	8,900	8,700	+ 100	+ 300
SERVICES	95,900	94,900	93,300	+1,000	+2,600
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,000	9,700	9,800	+ 300	+ 200
Personal Services	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	+ 200
Business Services	21,200	21,200	20,600	0	+ 600
Health Services	24,200	23,900	23,200	+ 300	+1,000
Social Services	6,600	6,400	6,800	+ 200	- 200
Membership Organizations	4,600	4,500	4,400	+ 100	+ 200
Other Services	24,300	24,200	23,700	+ 100	+ 600
GOVERNMENT	129,600	129,600	126,500	0	+3,100
Federal	29,800	29,800	28,700	0	+1,100
State 2/	44,800	44,700	44,600	+ 100	+ 200
Local	55,000	55,100	53,200	- 100	+1,800

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, little change occurred in Albuquerque's unemployment picture during March. Both the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate in Albuquerque remained unchanged from February at 19,600 and 8.8 percent. The estimates continued to reflect worsened economic conditions over the year, with unemployment 2,600 persons larger and the jobless rate 0.9 percentage points higher than in March 1982. Statewide, the jobless rate was 10.6 percent in March, compared with 10.8 percent in February and 8.4 percent one year ago.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 1,500 during March, and all major industries except manufacturing and transportation & public utilities participated in the gain. Springtime increases in building activity were apparent in the construction figures, as the industry added 500 jobs over the month. Services also posted a 500 increase, distributed among most industry sub-sectors. Trade recorded 200 additional jobs; however, plus and minus movement was evident within the industry. Eating and drinking places and wholesale non-durable goods grew by a total of 400 jobs but were partially offset by employment reductions in wholesale durable goods and auto dealers & service stations. Although total manufacturing employment saw no change, several sub-sectors posted significant job movement. Employment in electrical equipment manufacturing grew by over 100 jobs in March as many of Albuquerque's high-tech firms continued to slowly build up their workforces. This was counterbalanced by losses in the sub-sectors of stone, clay, glass & concrete, fabricated metal, and transportation equipment manufacturing.

MARCH SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	*Revised*		*Change From*	
	Mar 1983	Feb 1983	Mar 1982	Feb 1983	Mar 1982
Civilian Labor Force	223,300	222,100	214,200	+1,200	+9,100
Employment	203,700	202,500	197,200	+1,200	+6,500
Unemployment	19,600	19,600	17,000	0	+2,600
Rate	8.8%	8.8%	7.9%		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAR 1983	*Revised* FEB 1983	*Revised* MAR 1982	*MAR Change From* FEB 1983	MAR 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	192,300	190,800	186,700	+1,500	+5,600
CONSTRUCTION	11,400	10,900	11,100	+ 500	+ 300
MANUFACTURING	18,000	18,000	17,500	0	+ 500
Durable Goods	12,700	12,700	12,300	0	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	+ 200
Transportation	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	- 100
Communication	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	+ 100
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	47,400	47,200	46,800	+ 200	+ 600
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,100	13,100	0	0
Durable Goods	8,500	8,600	8,700	- 100	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,500	4,400	+ 100	- 200
Retail Trade	34,300	34,100	33,700	+ 200	+ 600
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	- 100
Food Stores	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,200	4,100	- 100	0
Eating and Drinking Places	12,600	12,300	12,100	+ 300	+ 500
Other Retail Trade	9,900	9,900	9,700	0	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,200	11,100	10,800	+ 100	+ 400
Banking	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,800	4,700	4,600	+ 100	+ 200
SERVICES and MINING	48,800	48,300	46,500	+ 500	+2,300
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,900	2,800	2,600	+ 100	+ 300
Health Services	11,700	11,500	11,000	+ 200	+ 700
Social Services	2,700	2,600	2,600	+ 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	- 100
Other Services and Mining	30,000	29,900	28,700	+ 100	+1,300
GOVERNMENT	43,700	43,500	42,400	+ 200	+1,300
Federal	12,900	12,800	12,300	+ 100	+ 600
State	12,100	11,800	12,000	+ 300	+ 100
Local	18,700	18,900	18,100	- 200	+ 600

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAR 1983	*Revised* FEB 1983	*Revised* MAR 1982	*MAR Change From* FEB 1983	MAR 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	32,450	32,200	31,650	+250	+800
CONSTRUCTION	1,875	1.825	1,600	+ 50	+275
MANUFACTURING	2,825	2,775	2,825	+ 50	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Transportation	575	575	625	0	- 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	625	675	0	- 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,125	5.975	5,950	+150	+175
Wholesale Trade	825	825	825	0	0
Retail Trade	5,300	5.150	5,125	+150	+175
General Merchandise Stores	725	750	875	- 25	-150
Food Stores	850	800	675	+ 50	+175
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	750	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,000	1,875	1,800	+125	+200
Other Retail Trade	975	975	1,025	0	- 50
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,175	1,250	+ 25	- 50
SERVICES & MINING	4,275	4,225	4,275	+ 50	0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	575	575	625	0	- 50
Business Services	725	725	750	0	- 25
Health Services	875	850	775	+ 25	+100
Social Services	250	250	300	0	- 50
Other Services & Mining	1,850	1,825	1,825	+ 25	+ 25
GOVERNMENT	14,950	15,025	14,450	- 75	+500
Federal	4,350	4,450	4,350	-100	0
State	5,825	5,800	5,525	+ 25	+300
Local	4,775	4,775	4,575	0	+200

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	MAR 1982	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	MAR 1982	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	MAR 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$481.17	$478.84	$453.84	43.0	43.1	43.1	$11.19	$11.11	$10.53
CONSTRUCTION	399.38	379.80	423.05	38.0	36.0	39.5	10.51	10.55	10.71
MANUFACTURING	290.31	295.50	274.95	37.9	39.4	39.0	7.66	7.50	7.05
Durable Goods	302.25	310.75	299.10	38.7	40.2	39.2	7.81	7.73	7.63
Nondurable Gds	264.26	260.25	226.40	36.2	37.5	38.7	7.30	6.94	5.85
COMM and UTIL	379.06	386.46	365.31	39.2	39.8	40.1	9.67	9.71	9.11
TRADE *	252.76	236.29	239.01	35.4	34.8	35.2	7.14	6.79	6.79
BANKING	194.91	195.43	182.89	37.7	37.8	37.4	5.17	5.17	4.89
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$277.87	$284.93	$289.03	37.0	38.4	38.9	$ 7.51	$ 7.42	$ 7.43

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Sandia National Laboratories will receive $655 million in budget authority from the U.S. Department of Energy for the fiscal year beginning this October. This represents a $58 million increase over the current year's funding for the Albuquerque research facility. Sandia officials recently announced that construction is underway on the world's largest particle-beam fusion accelerator, at a cost of approximately $48 million. The accelerator is scheduled for completion in 1986. Ground is scheduled to be broken in mid-July on a $600,000 downtown pedestrian mall on Fourth Street between Civic Plaza and Central Avenue. Work has begun on the $4.8 million CareUnit Hospital of Albuquerque, a drug rehabilitation facility located on a 3.4 acre site adjacent to St. Joseph Hospital. Construction is expected to begin soon on a 48,000 square foot critical care building at the University of New Mexico hospital. $7.3 million was approved for the facility through a bond issue election. Three new shopping centers are scheduled to be built starting this summer on North Coors Road on the west side of Albuquerque. Two of the centers, Las Tiendas and Alameda West, will be near the intersection of Coors and Corrales Road, and the third center, Montano Plaza, will be located at Coors and Montano Road. The Las Tiendas center will house two restaurants and several small specialty shops, while the Alameda West center will include a large home improvement store, a major supermarket, and a fast food restaurant. The Montano Plaza shopping center will contain an Albertsons supermarket and space for up to eight other retail stores, including a major department store.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - AMAX Chemical Corporation has announced that 76 potash mine workers will be laid off on May 2 due to the currently depressed potash market. AMAX is scheduled to begin their annual three-week mine shutdown on June 4; however, indications are that the shutdown may be longer than that this year. Work has started in Artesia on a 60-unit, $2.5 million motel called The Inn. A second new lodging facility, the Pecos Inn Best Western Motel, is planned for Artesia by Albuquerque developers, and a groundbreaking date of May 15 has been set for the facility.

ESPANOLA AREA - Mineral Industrial Commodities of America Inc. is building a new mica processing plant in Valarde to replace its 20-year-old plant on Pojoaque Pueblo land. The new plant is scheduled to be in operation by the end of this year and employ about 50 workers. Northern New Mexico Community College officials hope work can begin by this September on a $2 million fine arts complex which was funded by the 1983 State Legislature.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - A total of 28 oil well drilling rigs were in operation in Lea County in mid-April, an increase from 18 for the previous month. In April 1982, 38 rigs were in operation in the county. Work is underway on the new 63,000 square foot Wal-Mart Discount City store in Hobbs. The facility is expected to be open by November and employ 90 workers.

LAS CRUCES AREA - South Texas Steel Company plans to locate a steel fabrication plant near Anthony which is expected to employ approximately 100 workers within one year of operation. Createc Corporation of Portland, Indiana has leased the former Furtex building in Entrada del Sol Industrial Park and is expected to begin manufacturing poly-styrene packing materials by this June. The company will initially employ 12 workers but plans to quickly expand to 50 employees. Northrise Hospital Inc. has been granted a $10 million inducement bond resolution from the County Industrial Development Board to locate a $15 to $16 million hospital in Las Cruces. Construction for the new hospital could start by this fall. The City of Las Cruces will receive $416,000 from New Mexico's share of the funding provided by the emergency jobs bill recently funded by Congress. The funding will be used for public works projects. The new $31 million Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility is scheduled to open in June with approximately 180 employees. When fully operational, the new prison will employ 300 persons and have a yearly operating budget of $7 million.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Site preparation for the Montana de Fibre (MdF) fiberboard plant and its adjoining sawmill has been slowed somewhat due to bad weather; however, the foundation phase of the project is still expected to get underway in early June. The sawmill is scheduled to be in operation by this November, and fiberboard manufacturing is set to get underway by mid-1984. The MdF operation will provide approximately 200 direct jobs to the area economy. Bradbury and Stamm, an Albuquerque based contractor, has been awarded a $1.5 million contract for phase two of the renovation of United World College facilities near Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - The new $2 million Sombrillo Intermediate Care Facility in Los Alamos should be in operation within 10 months. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the 60-bed facility were held March 31.

RATON AREA - Underground operations at Kaiser Steel Corporation's York Canyon coal mine are scheduled to resume May 2, meaning the recall of 110 laid off workers. Kaiser halted underground mining at the facility in December but continued to operate the strip mine.

ROSWELL AREA - Transportation Manufacturing Corporation laid off 80 workers at the end of March, adding to the 150 workers laid off by the firm in late February. The Roswell bus manufacturer has reduced production from three to two buses per day due to declining sales. Roswell's first beef slaughter and packing plant since Glover Packing Company closed in 1981 has opened its new $500,000 facilities. Pecos Valley Meat Company is processing approximately $75,000 worth of beef each week and has 12 employees. Two Roswell businessmen want to locate a three-story, 148-room Holiday Inn in the city. Tentative approval has been given by Holiday Inns Inc. for the facility; however, final approval and site selection will depend on a marketing study of the area.

SANTA FE AREA - The 1983 State Legislature appropriated $1.1 million for the first year operating costs of the planned Santa Fe Junior College. The new two-year community college will operate from leased facilities until a permanent campus is built. St. Vincent Hospital officials are planning to build a new $640,000, 5,000 square foot addition to the facility, starting this summer.

SILVER CITY AREA - Operations at Phelps Dodge Corporation's Tyrone copper mine and concentrator are set to resume May 2, according to company officials. The mine will begin operations at about 70 percent of capacity with approximately 450 workers. The Phelps Dodge Operation employed about 800 workers before its shutdown in April 1982. Brown and Root Incorporated has begun construction of a $35 million metal extraction plant at Phelps Dodge Corporation's Tyrone copper mine. The new plant is expected to be in operation by mid-1984 and require approximately 25 employees. About 200 workers will be involved in construction of the facility.

TAOS AREA - The area ski resorts, Taos Valley, Red River, Costilla, and Sipapu, all closed for the season in mid-April, which means the loss of approximately 600 jobs. Carson National Forest began recalling its seasonal workers in April. Moly Corp. is now employing approximately 740 workers at their molybdenum mine at Questa.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Solv-Ex Corporation officials have announced that work will begin this August on a multi-million dollar oil extraction plant near Santa Rosa. Solv-Ex has been investigating the feasibility of extracting oil from tar sands deposits near Santa Rosa for several months. The plant should be completed in 18 months and employ a full-time staff of 67 workers. Another 73 employees will be involved in the actual mining operations at the tar sands deposits. P.I.E., one of the nation's largest trucking firms, has announced that 64 drivers and five support personnel will be transferred to Tucumcari this July to operate a depot/transfer facility.

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March 1983 CPI-U - 293.4

(Base 1967 = 100)

CPI-W - 293.0

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI - W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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JTPA LABOR MARKET INFORMATION DATA

The Research and Statistics Section of the New Mexico Employment Security Department recently published a planning report for use under the new Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). The report contains narrative analysis and data tables by industry, occupation, population, labor force, and supply/demand job needs statewide and by county. Information on both the current economic situation and long-term trends are included.

This information should answer some basic LMI data planning needs. In addition, a list of all labor market information requirements under JTPA, and which items are available from the Research and Statistics Section, are found in the report.

Copies are available free from the NMESD, Research and Statistics Section, P.O. Box 1928 Albuquerque, New Mexico, phone 841-8645.

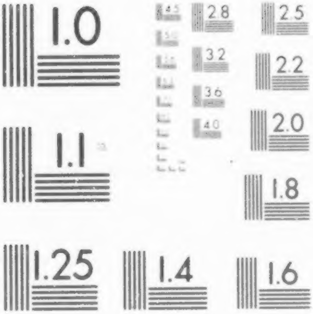
OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY MARCH 1983 1/				REVISED FEBRUARY 1983 1/				REVISED MARCH 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	593,976	530,958	63,018	10.6	593,519	529,179	64,340	10.8	579,153	530,402	48,751	8.4
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	223,270	203,657	19,613	8.8	222,102	202,534	19,568	8.8	214,234	197,223	17,011	7.9
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	38,516	34,780	3,736	9.7	38,484	34,611	3,873	10.1	37,351	33,808	3,543	9.5
Catron	935	715	220	23.5	936	674	262	28.0	904	662	242	26.8
Chaves	24,207	22,268	1,939	8.0	24,209	22,532	1,677	6.9	22,353	21,202	1,151	5.1
Cibola	12,112	9,333	2,779	22.9	12,312	9,415	2,897	23.5	11,844	10,283	1,561	13.2
Colfax	6,519	5,480	1,039	15.9	6,543	5,407	1,136	17.4	6,362	5,894	468	7.4
Curry	14,626	13,184	1,442	9.9	14,706	13,237	1,469	10.0	14,378	13,470	908	6.3
De Baca	980	929	51	5.2	958	901	57	5.9	971	930	41	4.2
Eddy	24,781	21,697	3,084	12.4	24,785	21,683	3,102	12.5	24,310	22,921	1,389	5.7
Grant	10,004	7,310	2,694	26.9	10,280	7,202	3,078	29.9	11,561	9,852	1,709	14.8
Guadalupe	1,331	1,251	80	6.0	1,309	1,231	78	6.0	1,334	1,213	121	9.1
Harding	524	514	10	1.9	504	497	7	1.4	548	520	28	5.1
Hidalgo	2,536	2,276	260	10.3	2,609	2,256	353	13.5	2,452	2,310	142	5.8
Lea	33,576	31,296	2,280	6.8	34,028	31,662	2,366	7.0	33,903	32,848	1,055	3.1
Lincoln	6,824	6,515	309	4.5	6,888	6,542	346	5.0	6,661	6,406	255	3.8
Los Alamos	10,432	10,249	183	1.8	10,471	10,232	239	2.3	10,509	10,248	261	2.5
Luna	4,976	4,392	584	11.7	5,082	4,381	701	13.8	4,942	4,412	530	10.7
McKinley	17,748	14,931	2,817	15.9	17,677	14,866	2,811	15.9	18,579	16,511	2,068	11.1
Mora	1,149	755	394	34.3	1,212	748	464	38.3	1,148	730	418	36.4
Otero	14,483	13,118	1,365	9.4	14,415	13,000	1,415	9.8	13,983	12,844	1,139	8.1
Quay	5,066	4,468	598	11.8	4,999	4,351	648	13.0	4,789	4,340	449	9.4
Rio Arriba	11,976	9,117	2,859	23.9	11,708	8,810	2,898	24.8	11,514	8,777	2,737	23.8
Roosevelt	7,723	7,249	474	6.1	7,532	7,023	509	6.8	7,602	7,177	425	5.6
San Juan	39,298	33,297	6,001	15.3	39,448	33,604	5,844	14.8	37,608	34,116	3,492	9.3
San Miguel	8,970	7,668	1,302	14.5	8,824	7,482	1,342	15.2	8,640	7,528	1,112	12.9
Santa Fe	38,059	35,263	2,796	7.3	38,035	35,096	2,939	7.7	37,221	34,565	2,656	7.1
Sierra	2,424	2,243	181	7.5	2,447	2,251	196	8.0	2,566	2,409	157	6.1
Socorro	4,811	4,312	499	10.4	4,645	4,087	558	12.0	4,537	4,130	407	9.0
Taos	10,810	8,906	1,904	17.6	11,030	9,118	1,912	17.3	10,425	8,542	1,883	18.1
Torrance	2,179	2,050	129	5.9	2,168	2,033	135	6.2	2,131	1,984	147	6.9
Union	2,462	2,307	155	6.3	2,380	2,202	178	7.5	2,329	2,158	171	7.3
Valencia	10,669	9,428	1,241	11.6	10,793	9,511	1,282	11.9	11,464	10,389	1,075	9.4

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*

3/ *Dona Ana County*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HIGHLIGHTS

Preliminary labor force estimates indicate some improvement occurred in New Mexico's unemployment situation in April. Although both the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate normally edge downward in April, the decreases shown this year were larger than usual. The number of jobless in the state fell by 3500 over the month. This decrease, combined with a 3400 gain in employment, dropped New Mexico's jobless rate to 10.0 percent, down from the recession peak of 10.8 percent in February and 10.6 percent in March. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this April was also 10.0 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico expanded by 1200 jobs during April. Although much of the gain was seasonal in nature, there was cause for some optimism. Probably the brightest spot in the figures was the 1500 gain in construction employment which continued the upturn in evidence in recent months. Construction employment is now 2100 higher than one year ago. Finance, insurance & real estate is another industry where recent employment increases continued in April. The industry's 300 monthly job gain was centered in credit agencies and real estate. Employment upswings in these sub-sectors have historically been tied to increases in home and commercial building. Also on the plus side during the month were the trade and services industries, with much of the increase in the lodging and eating & drinking places sub-sectors.

Now the bad news. The mining industry, which has been devastated by layoffs in almost all sub-sectors, lost an additional 600 jobs during April. This latest reduction means over 3000 mining workers in New Mexico have lost their jobs in the last year. The 450 workers rehired in early May at the Phelps Dodge copper mine in Tyrone will give next month's mining employment figures a boost; however, these will be at least partially offset by more layoffs in potash and uranium. Manufacturing employment also fell during the month, and the 200 job loss was spread among most durable goods sub-sectors. With this most recent reduction, employment in manufacturing is now 800 below the level one year ago. Government also posted an over-the-month reduction, mostly the result of temporary layoffs at state higher educational institutions.

APRIL SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Apr 1983	Mar 1983	Apr 1982	Mar 1983	Apr 1982
Civilian Labor Force	593,600	593,700	583,800	- 100	+ 9,800
Employment	534,400	531,000	535,500	+ 3,400	- 1,100
Unemployment	59,200	62,700	48,300	- 3,500	+10,900
Rate	10.0%	10.6%	8.3%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

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NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	APR	*Change From*
	APR	MAR	APR	MAR	APR
	1983	1983	1982	1983	1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	473,600	472,400	474,000	+1,200	- 400
MINING	20,500	21,100	28,700	- 600	-8,200
Metal Mining	4,200	4,100	7,200	+ 100	-3,000
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,700	4,000	5,200	- 300	-1,500
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,600	13,000	16,300	- 400	-3,700
CONSTRUCTION	33,700	32,200	31,600	+1,500	+2,100
MANUFACTURING	32,900	33,100	33,700	- 200	- 800
Durable Goods	21,000	21,200	21,000	- 200	0
Lumber and Wood Products	2,000	1,900	1,900	+ 100	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,300	4,400	4,300	- 100	0
Transportation Equipment	4,200	4,300	3,900	- 100	+ 300
Other Durable Goods	10,500	10,600	10,900	- 100	- 400
Nondurable Goods	11,900	11,900	12,700	0	- 800
Food and Kindred Products	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	3,100	0	- 700
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,400	29,500	29,900	- 100	- 500
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	- 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,300	5,500	5,800	- 200	- 500
Other Transportation	4,200	4,100	4,000	+ 100	+ 200
Communication	7,600	7,600	8,100	0	- 500
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	10,000	10,000	9,600	0	+ 400
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	109,700	108,600	107,400	+1,100	+2,300
Wholesale Trade	22,500	22,400	22,800	+ 100	- 300
Durable Goods	13,600	13,500	13,900	+ 100	- 300
Nondurable Goods	8,900	8,900	8,900	0	0
Retail Trade	87,200	86,200	84,600	+1,000	+2,600
General Merchandise Stores	10,200	10,100	10,500	+ 100	- 300
Food Stores	13,000	13,000	12,300	0	+ 700
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,900	11,800	11,700	+ 100	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	30,900	30,100	29,000	+ 800	+1,900
Other Retail Trade	21,200	21,200	21,100	0	+ 100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,500	22,200	21,500	+ 300	+1,000
Banking	7,900	7,900	7,600	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,400	5,400	+ 100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,100	8,900	8,500	+ 200	+ 600
SERVICES	96,300	95,900	94,200	+ 400	+2,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,300	10,000	9,800	+ 300	+ 500
Personal Services	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	+ 100
Business Services	21,500	21,300	21,200	+ 200	+ 300
Health Services	24,100	24,100	23,300	0	+ 800
Social Services	6,600	6,600	6,700	0	- 100
Membership Organizations	4,700	4,600	4,500	+ 100	+ 200
Other Services	24,100	24,300	23,800	- 200	+ 300
GOVERNMENT	128,600	129,800	127,000	-1,200	+1,600
Federal	30,100	30,000	29,000	+ 100	+1,100
State 2/	43,700	44,900	44,500	-1,200	- 800
Local	54,800	54,900	53,500	- 100	+1,300

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

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ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

Following the normal seasonal pattern for April, total employment in Albuquerque expanded somewhat, while both the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate decreased during the month. The area's unemployment rate was 8.3 percent in April, down from 8.8 percent in March. Statewide, the unemployment rate fell from 10.6 to 10.0 percent over the month. Albuquerque's jobless rate has remained significantly lower than New Mexico's since early 1982 when large scale mining layoffs began taking their toll on the state's economy.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Albuquerque rose by 1400 jobs during April. As usual this time of year, industry sub-sectors such as construction, eating & drinking places, lodging, and auto dealers & service stations reported employment gains; however, among these, it was the construction increase which was really noteworthy. The building industry posted 400 additional jobs during April, and this follows a strong 500 gain in March. Employment in the industry now stands 700 higher than at this time last year. Also continuing a recent trend, although on the minus side this time, was manufacturing, which lost 100 jobs during April after dropping by 200 the month before. All of the reductions over the past two months were in durable goods, with transportation equipment; stone, clay, glass & concrete; and fabricated metal taking the brunt of the decline.

APRIL SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Apr 1983	Mar 1983	Apr 1982	Mar 1983	Apr 1982
Civilian Labor Force	223,200	223,100	215,600	+ 100	+7,600
Employment	204,700	203,400	199,500	+1,300	+5,200
Unemployment	18,500	19,700	16,100	-1,200	+2,400
Rate	8.3%	8.8%	7.5%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim APR 1983	*Revised* MAR 1983	*Revised* APR 1982	*APR Change From*	
				MAR 1983	APR 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	193,400	192,000	188,500	+1,400	+4,900
CONSTRUCTION	11,800	11,400	11,100	+ 400	+ 700
MANUFACTURING	17,700	17,800	17,500	- 100	+ 200
Durable Goods	12,400	12,500	12,400	- 100	0
Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	11,600	12,000	0	- 400
Transportation	4,800	4,800	5,100	0	- 300
Communication	4,100	4,200	4,400	- 100	- 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,600	2,500	+ 100	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	47,800	47,400	47,400	+ 400	+ 400
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,100	13,300	0	- 200
Durable Goods	8,500	8,500	8,900	0	- 400
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	34,700	34,300	34,100	+ 400	+ 600
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	- 200
Food Stores	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,200	4,100	4,100	+ 100	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	12,900	12,600	12,400	+ 300	+ 500
Other Retail Trade	10,000	10,000	9,800	0	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,300	11,200	10,800	+ 100	+ 500
Banking	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,900	4,800	4,600	+ 100	+ 300
SERVICES and MINING	49,300	48,900	47,100	+ 400	+2,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,100	2,900	2,600	+ 200	+ 500
Health Services	11,600	11,700	11,100	- 100	+ 500
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,500	1,600	+ 100	0
Other Services and Mining	30,300	30,100	29,200	+ 200	+1,100
GOVERNMENT	43,900	43,700	42,600	+ 200	+1,300
Federal	13,100	13,000	12,300	+ 100	+ 800
State	12,100	11,900	11,900	+ 200	+ 200
Local	18,700	18,800	18,400	- 100	+ 300

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim APR 1983	*Revised* MAR 1983	*Revised* APR 1982	*APR Change From* MAR 1983	APR 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,975	32,650	31,825	-675	+150
CONSTRUCTION	2,025	1,950	1,525	+ 75	+500
MANUFACTURING	2,850	2,825	2,975	+ 25	-125
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,225	1,300	- 25	-100
Transportation	575	600	625	- 25	- 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	625	675	0	- 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,200	6,175	5,900	+ 25	+300
Wholesale Trade	850	850	800	0	+ 50
Retail Trade	5,350	5,325	5,100	+ 25	+250
General Merchandise Stores	725	725	800	0	- 75
Food Stores	825	850	750	- 25	+ 75
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	725	725	725	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,025	2,000	1,825	+ 25	+200
Other Retail Trade	1,050	1,025	1,000	+ 25	+ 50
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,200	1,250	0	- 50
SERVICES & MINING	4,375	4,300	4,400	+ 75	- 25
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	575	625	+ 25	- 25
Business Services	700	700	700	0	0
Health Services	850	850	825	0	+ 25
Social Services	300	300	300	0	0
Other Services & Mining	1,925	1,875	1,950	+ 50	- 25
GOVERNMENT	14,125	14,975	14,475	-850	-350
Federal	4,500	4,350	4,300	+150	+200
State	4,825	5,825	5,500	-1,000	-675
Local	4,800	4,800	4,675	0	+125

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 1983	MAR 1983	APR 1982	APR 1983	MAR 1983	APR 1982	APR 1983	MAR 1983	APR 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$460.89	$464.51	$463.95	40.5	41.4	43.4	$11.38	$11.22	$10.69
CONSTRUCTION	377.36	393.00	359.84	35.4	37.5	34.5	10.66	10.48	10.43
MANUFACTURING	309.78	299.44	276.83	40.6	39.4	39.1	7.63	7.60	7.08
Durable Goods	329.16	315.38	302.20	42.2	40.8	39.4	7.80	7.73	7.67
Nondurable Gds	268.56	263.90	225.41	37.3	36.2	38.4	7.20	7.29	5.87
COMM and UTIL	388.05	391.55	369.96	39.8	40.2	40.7	9.75	9.74	9.09
TRADE *	251.32	247.10	245.70	35.8	35.2	35.2	7.02	7.02	6.98
BANKING	191.58	193.64	179.94	37.2	37.6	37.1	5.15	5.15	4.85
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$308.38	$294.97	$295.86	41.9	39.7	39.5	$ 7.36	$ 7.43	$ 7.49

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

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STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - The contract for the new 380-bed Albuquerque Veterans Hospital, the largest single construction project ever in New Mexico, is expected to be awarded early this summer. The new hospital is expected to cost $115 million and provide several hundred construction jobs over the next three years. When open in 1986, the facility will provide 300 permanent jobs. Work is expected to start soon on Albuquerque Academy's new $3 million middle school complex. Sandia National Laboratories will begin construction of a $40 million simulation technology lab early this summer. Completion of this new lab at the main Sandia complex on Kirtland Air Force Base is scheduled for the fall of 1987. Lovelace Medical Foundation recently broke ground on their $2 million, 30,000 square foot research building at the main Lovelace center on Gibson S.E. Intel Corporation officials have announced the hiring of 24 persons to act as trainers of production workers for the new $30 million, 170,000 square foot computer chip manufacturing plant in Rio Rancho. Intel officials are still not disclosing when production will actually start; however, this is the first step in the time consuming start-up process. The Intel plant, which was completed in 1981 but not opened due to economic conditions, has the capacity to employ 1,000 workers. Signetics Corporation, Albuquerque's other big computer chip manufacturer, plans to double its current 250 workforce by the end of this year. The Signetics plant, which can employ 2000 workers at full production, opened in April 1982.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Amax Chemical Corporation laid off 76 workers on May 2 due to the current slump in the potash market. AMAX also announced a three-month shutdown of mining operations beginning in early June which will involve about 400 workers.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Public Service Company of New Mexico plans to construct a 210 mile transmission line from Albuquerque to Clovis, beginning this September. The project should take eight months to complete and require up to 290 workers during peak construction. An ALCO discount store opened in mid-May in the vacant Woolco building in Clovis. The ALCO facility is employing approximately 65 persons.

ESPANOLA AREA - SFE Industries, an Illinois-based manufacturer of gasoline-saving devices, wants to locate a manufacturing plant in the Espanola area which could employ up to 72 workers. The Espanola City Council has agreed to issue $2.5 million in industrial revenue bonds to the firm for the new plant. Work is underway on a $6.5 million expansion project at Espanola Hospital.

FARMINGTON AREA An El Paso company, Columbia Engineering Corporation, was awarded a $1.1 million contract for expansion work at the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project near Farmington.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Preliminary site work is underway by Page and Wirtz contractors for the $19 million state correctional institution near Grants. At peak construction, approximately 120 persons will be working on the new prison, and the facility will employ about 275 persons when it is completed.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Work is underway on the first phase of the $4 million Knowles Office Court complex in North Hobbs. Also recently started is Lea Regional Hospital's new $12.5 million, 70-bed addition which is expected to be completed by February 1984.

LAS CRUCES AREA - The U.S. Air Force has awarded a $13.9 million contract to Lockheed Corporation for construction of a radar system at White Sands Missile Range.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Highlands University Board of Regents has approved construction of a $5.5 million physical education facility on the northern section of the campus.

RATON AREA - After resuming underground coal mining operations at York Canyon in early May, Kaiser Steel Corporation again shut down mining on May 31, resulting in the layoff of approximately 105 workers. Lack of coal orders was the reason given for the layoff. La Mesa Race Track opened its 1983 horse racing season on May 7 with a workforce of about 220.

ROSWELL AREA - Approximately 120 workers were laid off in early May at Transportation Manufacturing Corporation's bus manufacturing plant in Roswell. The firm has now reduced its payroll by more than 350 persons since February. Western Company, an oil well servicing company, has transferred 18 persons from Roswell to Artesia due to the decline in oil field activity in Chaves County.

SANTA FE AREA - Eberline Instrument Corporation laid off 20 workers in early May, and the firm plans to close its Valdez Industrial Park plant, consolidating all its operations into the main plant on Airport Road in Santa Fe. Eberline, which manufacturers radiation monitoring equipment, is currently employing 225 persons. A new $15 million state government office building will be constructed on St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe beginning early this summer. The new structure, which will house both the Corrections Department and the Health and Environment Department, should be completed by April 1985. A newly organized local corporation, Coal Fuels Corporation, is looking at the Lamy area as the site of a coal-brick manufacturing plant which would initially employ about 10 workers. La Residencia, the non-profit nursing care facility in the former St. Vincent Hospital, is expected to open in July with a workforce of approximately 110 persons. Santa Fe Downs opened for their 14th season on May 6. The Santa Fe Employment Security Department Area Office has obtained exclusive hiring agreements with several fast food establishments in the area due to the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program which offers benefits to employers for hiring disadvantaged workers.

SILVER CITY/LORDSBURG AREA - Southern Pacific Transportation Company will begin work this summer on rehabilitation work on the railroad track between Lordsburg and the Phelps Dodge copper mine at Morenci, Arizona. The project is expected to provide approximately 235 jobs over its four-month construction period.

TAOS AREA - A new $3 million Smith's Supermarket is being planned to replace the existing Smith's store in Taos. Carson National Forest is now employing approximately 280 workers, and forest officials expect to hire an additional 50 workers due to funding provided by the new Federal Jobs Bill Pl 98.8.

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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

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The U.S. Commerce Department has released per capita income figures by state for 1982, and the yearly income increases on average were the smallest in 19 years due to the recession. Per capita income for the nation averaged $11,056, up 5.3 percent over 1981. Alaska had the highest per capita income of all states, and Mississippi had the lowest. New Mexico's per capita income of $8,997 ranked forty-second among all states. Below are per capita income figures for all 50 states and the District of Columbia, ranked high to low.

Alaska	$15,200	Minnesota	$11,082	Louisiana	$10,083
Dist. of Columbia	$14,347	Michigan	$11,052	Montana	$ 9,750
Connecticut	$13,687	Virginia	$11,003	Georgia	$ 9,514
New Jersey	$13,027	Pennsylvania ...	$10,943	South Dakota	$ 9,506
California	$12,543	Florida	$10,875	Vermont	$ 9,446
New York	$12,328	Ohio	$10,783	Idaho	$ 9,259
Maryland	$12,194	Oklahoma	$10,776	Maine	$ 9,033
Illinois	$12,162	North Dakota ...	$10,746	North Carolina ..	$ 9,032
Wyoming	$11,970	Rhode Island ...	$10,730	New Mexico	$ 8,997
Massachusetts ...	$11,921	New Hampshire ..	$10,710	Kentucky	$ 8,861
Delaware	$11,796	Iowa	$10,532	West Virginia ...	$ 8,856
Colorado	$11,776	Wisconsin	$10,497	Tennessee	$ 8,849
Nevada	$11,748	Nebraska	$10,489	Utah	$ 8,733
Washington	$11,635	Oregon	$10,392	Alabama	$ 8,581
Hawaii	$11,602	Arizona	$10,201	South Carolina ..	$ 8,468
Kansas	$11,448	Missouri	$10,175	Arkansas	$ 8,332
Texas	$11,352	Indiana	$10,109	Mississippi	$ 7,792

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY APRIL 1983 1/				REVISED MARCH 1983 1/				REVISED APRIL 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	593,606	534,413	59,193	10.0	593,709	531,036	62,673	10.6	583,729	535,456	48,273	8.3
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	223,183	204,705	18,478	8.3	223,090	203,411	19,679	8.8	215,647	199,507	16,140	7.5
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	37,966	34,457	3,509	9.2	38,782	35,020	3,762	9.7	37,446	34,135	3,311	8.8
Catron	930	768	162	17.4	941	715	226	24.0	830	669	161	19.4
Chaves	24,208	22,402	1,806	7.5	24,191	22,274	1,917	7.9	23,628	22,390	1,238	5.2
Cibola	11,784	9,281	2,503	21.2	12,071	9,335	2,736	22.7	12,481	10,070	2,411	19.3
Colfax	6,730	5,599	1,131	16.8	6,510	5,482	1,028	15.8	6,380	5,938	442	6.9
Curry	14,917	13,560	1,357	9.1	14,614	13,188	1,426	9.8	14,586	13,800	786	5.4
De Baca	1,024	969	55	5.4	980	930	50	5.1	993	952	41	4.1
Eddy	24,704	21,755	2,949	11.9	24,753	21,703	3,050	12.3	24,073	22,630	1,443	6.0
Grant	9,863	7,578	2,285	23.2	9,976	7,312	2,664	26.7	12,032	9,440	2,592	21.5
Guadalupe	1,405	1,324	81	5.8	1,330	1,251	79	5.9	1,408	1,304	104	7.4
Harding	551	542	9	1.6	524	514	10	1.9	537	527	10	1.9
Hidalgo	2,533	2,311	222	8.8	2,524	2,276	248	9.8	2,595	2,294	301	11.6
Lea	33,535	31,283	2,252	6.7	33,560	31,305	2,255	6.7	34,282	32,766	1,516	4.4
Lincoln	6,730	6,451	279	4.1	6,822	6,517	305	4.5	6,519	6,294	225	3.5
Los Alamos	10,516	10,340	176	1.7	10,433	10,252	181	1.7	10,458	10,270	188	1.8
Luna	4,999	4,433	566	11.3	4,972	4,394	578	11.6	4,928	4,370	558	11.3
McKinley	17,760	14,797	2,963	16.7	17,721	14,935	2,786	15.7	18,515	16,613	1,902	10.3
Mora	1,131	773	358	31.7	1,145	755	390	34.1	1,117	760	357	32.0
Otero	14,456	13,208	1,248	8.6	14,472	13,122	1,350	9.3	14,331	13,209	1,122	7.8
Quay	5,112	4,582	530	10.4	5,060	4,469	591	11.7	4,913	4,500	413	8.4
Rio Arriba	11,784	9,210	2,574	21.8	11,948	9,120	2,828	23.7	11,294	8,941	2,353	20.8
Roosevelt	7,734	7,341	393	5.1	7,720	7,251	469	6.1	7,721	7,388	333	4.3
San Juan	39,649	34,161	5,488	13.8	39,241	33,306	5,935	15.1	37,754	34,569	3,185	8.4
San Miguel	8,882	7,794	1,088	12.2	8,958	7,670	1,288	14.4	8,544	7,518	1,026	12.0
Santa Fe	38,456	35,858	2,598	6.8	38,039	35,273	2,766	7.3	37,812	35,367	2,445	6.5
Sierra	2,398	2,241	157	6.5	2,422	2,243	179	7.4	2,691	2,563	128	4.8
Socorro	4,742	4,324	418	8.8	4,807	4,314	493	10.3	4,535	4,202	333	7.3
Taos	10,491	8,444	2,047	19.5	10,792	8,909	1,883	17.4	9,966	8,060	1,906	19.1
Torrance	2,248	2,109	139	6.2	2,179	2,051	128	5.9	2,172	2,039	133	6.1
Union	2,588	2,437	151	5.8	2,461	2,308	153	6.2	2,385	2,197	188	7.9
Valencia	10,597	9,376	1,221	11.5	10,671	9,431	1,240	11.6	11,156	10,174	982	8.8

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*

3/ *Dona Ana County*

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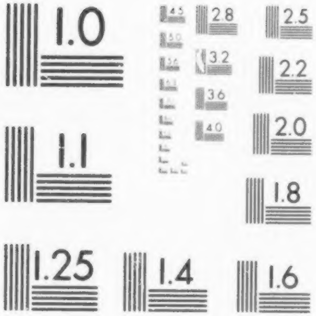
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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's economy turned in a mixed performance during May according to preliminary labor force and nonfarm employment estimates. The number of unemployed in the state experienced an unusually large increase of 3,400 during the month which pushed the unemployment rate up from a revised 9.8 percent in April to 10.3 percent in May. One year ago the jobless rate for New Mexico stood at 8.8 percent. During May, the U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) fell slightly from 10.0 to 9.8 percent.

Despite the deterioration on the unemployment side, some bright spots continued to be apparent in the nonfarm payroll employment estimates. Construction gained 1,400 jobs during May, continuing the steady growth this sector has shown throughout 1983. This latest increase puts construction employment 2,500 above the year ago level. The trade industry posted a 1,600 employment advance during the month, with the largest number of additional jobs in eating & drinking places. Services added 1,100 jobs, with all sub-sectors except personal services participating in the gain. The 200 loss in personal services is expected this time of year as income tax preparation businesses lay off workers. Manufacturing registered a 200 increase, and interestingly, the bulk of the advance was accounted for by building materials manufacturing. The resumption of operations at Phelps Dodge Corporation's Tyrone copper mine gave the metal subsector a needed boost, while seasonal hiring in oil & gas extraction also increased mining employment. Unfortunately, economic problems continue to plague the mining industry, and several large layoffs have been announced which will be reflected in the employment estimates in coming months. Homestake Mining Company near Grants laid off approximately 350 uranium workers for two months beginning in late May. Kaiser Steel Corporation shut down underground operations at the York Canyon coal mine near Raton, also in late May, resulting in the layoff of 110 workers. In the Carlsbad area, AMAX closed its potash mine for three months beginning in early June, idling 400 workers, and Potash Company of America closed its mine for three months beginning on June 27, furloughing about 300 workers.

MAY SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	May 1983	Apr 1983	May 1982	Apr 1983	May 1982
Civilian Labor Force	600,100	593,600	592,200	+ 6,500	+ 7,900
Employment	538,400	535,300	540,300	+ 3,100	- 1,900
Unemployment	61,700	58,300	51,900	+ 3,400	+ 9,800
Rate	10.3%	9.8%	8.8%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	Revised	Revised	MAY	Change From
	MAY	APR	MAY	APR	MAY
	1983	1983	1982	1983	1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	480,000	474,600	475,500	+5,400	+4,500
MINING	21,100	20,600	27,300	+ 500	-6,200
Metal Mining	4,500	4,200	6,100	+ 300	-1,600
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,700	3,800	5,200	- 100	-1,500
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,900	12,600	16,000	+ 300	-3,100
CONSTRUCTION	35,100	33,700	32,600	+1,400	+2,500
MANUFACTURING	33,100	32,900	33,800	+ 200	- 700
Durable Goods	21,200	21,100	21,300	+ 200	- 100
Lumber and Wood Products	2,100	1,900	2,000	+ 200	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,300	4,400	4,300	- 100	0
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,200	3,900	- 100	+ 200
Other Durable Goods	10,700	10,500	11,100	+ 200	- 400
Nondurable Goods	11,900	11,900	12,500	0	- 600
Food and Kindred Products	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	3,000	0	- 600
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,500	29,500	30,200	0	- 700
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,500	0	- 200
Trucking and Warehousing	5,500	5,400	5,700	+ 100	- 200
Other Transportation	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	+ 200
Communication	7,500	7,600	8,200	- 100	- 700
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	10,000	10,000	9,800	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	111,500	109,900	108,900	+1,600	+2,600
Wholesale Trade	22,600	22,500	22,700	+ 100	- 100
Durable Goods	13,500	13,500	13,700	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,000	9,000	+ 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	88,900	87,400	86,200	+1,500	+2,700
General Merchandise Stores	10,500	10,300	10,600	+ 200	- 100
Food Stores	13,200	13,000	12,500	+ 200	+ 700
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,900	11,900	11,800	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	31,700	30,900	29,900	+ 800	+1,800
Other Retail Trade	21,600	21,300	21,400	+ 300	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,700	22,500	21,700	+ 200	+1,000
Banking	8,000	7,900	7,700	+ 100	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,300	9,200	8,600	+ 100	+ 700
SERVICES	97,500	96,400	94,800	+1,100	+2,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,400	10,200	9,900	+ 200	+ 500
Personal Services	4,800	5,000	4,700	- 200	+ 100
Business Services	21,700	21,500	21,000	+ 200	+ 700
Health Services	24,300	24,200	23,500	+ 100	+ 800
Social Services	6,700	6,600	6,800	+ 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	5,000	4,700	4,500	+ 300	+ 500
Other Services	24,600	24,200	24,400	+ 400	+ 200
GOVERNMENT	129,500	129,100	126,200	+ 400	+3,300
Federal	30,300	30,500	29,500	- 200	+ 800
State 2/	44,100	43,500	43,300	+ 600	+ 800
Local	55,100	55,100	53,400	0	+1,700

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The number of unemployed in the Albuquerque area grew by 1,000 in May, and, correspondingly, the area's unemployment rate moved up from 8.1 to 8.5 percent. The jobless increase was somewhat puzzling because the nonagricultural industry employment data did not indicate any unusual losses over the month. Normally, unemployment edges up only slightly during May due mainly to increased youth labor force participation.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 1,300 jobs during May to a total of 194,600. Seasonal gains in the trade sector provided almost one half of the increase. Continuing the building upturn in evidence since early this year, construction employment expanded strongly, adding 500 jobs over the month. Manufacturing posted a 200 increase, spread among most sub-sectors.

Over the last 12 months, the services industry has added 2,000 jobs, the largest of any sector. The lodging, health, and business services subsectors accounted for most of this yearly growth. Government employment in Albuquerque has increased by 1,400 jobs since May 1982, almost all in the federal and local categories. The federal government expansion was due mainly to an increase in seasonal hiring, while in local government, medical and vocational educational institutions were responsible for much of the over-the-year growth. One major industry, transportation & public utilities, lost employment since last May, and this was largely the result of layoffs and transfers by large employers in both the transportation and communications sub-sectors.

MAY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	May 1983	Apr 1983	May 1982	Apr 1983	May 1982
Civilian Labor Force	223,600	223,000	217,300	+ 600	+ 6,300
Employment	204,600	205,000	200,600	- 400	+ 4,000
Unemployment	19,000	18,000	16,700	+ 1,000	+ 2,300
Rate	8.5%	8.1%	7.7%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*MAY Change From*	
	MAY 1983	APR 1983	MAY 1982	APR 1983	MAY 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	194,600	193,300	189,800	+1,300	+4,800
CONSTRUCTION	12,200	11,700	11,500	+ 500	+ 700
MANUFACTURING	17,900	17,700	17,700	+ 200	+ 200
Durable Goods	12,500	12,400	12,600	+ 100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,300	5,100	+ 100	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	11,600	12,200	0	- 600
Transportation	4,900	4,800	5,300	+ 100	- 400
Communication	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,600	2,700	2,400	- 100	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	48,500	47,900	48,000	+ 600	+ 500
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,100	13,200	0	- 100
Durable Goods	8,500	8,500	8,700	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	35,400	34,800	34,800	+ 600	+ 600
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	- 100
Food Stores	3,900	3,800	3,900	+ 100	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	13,200	12,900	12,800	+ 300	+ 400
Other Retail Trade	10,200	10,000	9,900	+ 200	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,400	11,300	10,800	+ 100	+ 600
Banking	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,000	4,900	4,600	+ 100	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	49,300	49,400	47,300	- 100	+2,000
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,100	3,100	2,600	0	+ 500
Health Services	11,700	11,700	11,200	0	+ 500
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,600	1,700	+ 100	0
Other Services and Mining	30,100	30,300	29,200	- 200	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	43,700	43,700	42,300	0	+1,400
Federal	13,000	13,000	12,300	0	+ 700
State	11,900	12,000	11,800	- 100	+ 100
Local	18,800	18,700	18,200	+ 100	+ 600

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAY 1983	*Revised* APR 1983	*Revised* MAY 1982	*MAY Change From* APR 1983	*MAY Change From* MAY 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	32,625	32,000	31,500	+625	+1,125
CONSTRUCTION	2,125	2,025	1,625	+100	+ 500
MANUFACTURING	2,850	2,850	2,925	0	- 75
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,225	1,325	- 25	- 125
Transportation	550	575	625	- 25	- 75
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	650	700	0	- 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,300	6,225	5,900	+ 75	+ 400
Wholesale Trade	875	850	800	+ 25	+ 75
Retail Trade	5,425	5,375	5,100	+ 50	+ 325
General Merchandise Stores	725	725	750	0	- 25
Food Stores	825	825	725	0	+ 100
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,075	2,025	1,875	+ 50	+ 200
Other Retail Trade	1,050	1,050	1,025	0	+ 25
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,200	1,250	+ 25	- 25
SERVICES & MINING	4,175	4,350	4,150	-175	+ 25
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	625	0	- 25
Business Services	725	700	725	+ 25	0
Health Services	875	850	825	+ 25	+ 50
Social Services	300	300	300	0	0
Other Services & Mining	1,675	1,900	1,675	-225	0
GOVERNMENT	14,750	14,125	14,325	+625	+ 425
Federal	4,275	4,500	4,375	-225	- 100
State	5,675	4,825	5,350	+850	+ 325
Local	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	+ 200

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS MAY 1983	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS APR 1983	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS MAY 1982	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS MAY 1983	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS APR 1983	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS MAY 1982	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS MAY 1983	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS APR 1983	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS MAY 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$466.47	$461.95	$457.92	42.1	40.7	43.2	$11.08	$11.35	$10.60
CONSTRUCTION	378.22	374.17	426.58	37.3	35.5	39.1	10.14	10.54	10.91
MANUFACTURING	303.75	308.56	277.85	40.5	40.6	39.3	7.50	7.60	7.07
Durable Goods	316.36	326.82	299.51	41.3	41.9	39.1	7.66	7.80	7.66
Nondurable Gds	275.93	269.89	231.66	38.7	37.8	39.6	7.13	7.14	5.85
COMM and UTIL	388.17	388.05	367.43	40.1	39.8	40.6	9.68	9.75	9.05
TRADE *	253.11	250.28	244.60	35.7	35.4	35.5	7.09	7.07	6.89
BANKING	202.36	191.58	188.93	39.6	37.2	38.4	5.11	5.15	4.92
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$306.71	$303.88	$299.49	41.9	41.4	39.2	$ 7.32	$ 7.34	$ 7.64

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Sperry Corporation officials have announced plans to more than double the current workforce at the firm's manufacturing plant on San Mateo Road NE by the end of 1984. To make way for the increase, the company will expand its plant by 175,000 square feet, with work beginning sometime next spring. This will be the second addition to the Sperry plant since it opened in 1981. The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded a $5.4 million grant for the reconstruction of the main east-west runway at Albuquerque International Airport. Work is scheduled to begin soon on HCA Psychiatric Corporation's 80-bed hospital adjacent to the Heights General Hospital on Montgomery NE. Another psychiatric hospital will be built beginning this fall on Tramway and Menaul NE. The Tramway facility will also be 80 beds in size but will be operated by Charter Medical Corporation of Macon, Georgia. Presbyterian Hospital Center officials have announced plans to begin work this August on their new 120-bed hospital at I-25 and Osuna NE. The new Presbyterian facility was first proposed in 1981; however, legal problems blocked construction until now. GTE Lenkurt laid off 83 employees at its electronics manufacturing plant in late May. Mountain Bell announced that it must reduce its operator workforce in Albuquerque by about 60 because of the decrease in the volume of operator assisted calls.

ALAMOGORGO/RUIDOSO AREA - White Sands Missile Range has awarded a $15.1 million, three-year contract to Dynaspan Services Company to provide support services to the Range's Army Material Test and Evaluation unit. The new company will be headquartered at Holloman Air Force Base.

BELEN/LOS LUNAS AREA - The State Department of Finance and Administration has funded $2.9 million for construction of a physical education facility for the Belen school system. Care More, Incorporated wants to locate a 120-bed nursing home in Belen which would employ about 75 local residents.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA - Potash Company of America (PCA) became the second Carlsbad area potash mine to close for a three-month period this summer when the company shut down its operations on June 27. Approximately 300 workers were laid off at the PCA mine. AMAX Chemical Corporation closed its potash mine for 90 days, resulting in the layoff of 400 workers. Also adding to Eddy County's unemployment problems was equipment failure at Kerr McGee's potash mine which sent approximately 300 workers home for a three to four week period beginning on June 7.

ESPANOLA AREA - A new company is planning to open a factory near Valarde in July to make chopsticks for export to Japan. New Mexico Wood Products expects to employ approximately 25 persons and use 2 million board feet of aspen per year. The firm could increase its workforce to 45 after two or three months of production.

FARMINGTON AREA - San Juan Coal Company has proposed locating a new surface coal mine near the Colorado border north of Farmington, which, according to company officials, could generate 389 direct and indirect jobs. A draft environmental impact statement on the proposed mine is expected to be completed by this December.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - The last two uranium producers in the area began temporary mine shutdowns recently. Homestake Mining Company began its two-month shutdown of the company's uranium mine and mill on May 26, meaning the temporary layoff of 350 workers. Kerr McGee closed its mine and mill for one month beginning in mid-June, idling approximately 800 workers; however, most of Kerr McGee's employees will receive vacation pay during the shutdown.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Several tenants of the new Pan American Plaza shopping center on University Avenue opened for business in late June, including Revco Drug, Cloth World, and Citizens Bank of Las Cruces. The center's largest tenant announced to date, Furr's Supermarket, is expected to open in July. Work is underway on a $6.8 million expansion of the Holiday Inn de Las Cruces which will add 110 rooms, a library, tennis courts and enlarge the facility's ballroom. The project is expected to be completed by late 1984. Phase one of the new $31 million Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility is almost complete, and the facility now has approximately 180 employees. When in full operation, the new prison will employ 300 persons and have a yearly operating budget of $7 million. The onion harvest is now underway in the Mesilla Valley, where approximately 4,000 acres are planted in onions each year.

LAS VEGAS AREA - The State Game Commission has awarded a $2 million contract to Marecon, Incorporated of Roswell for reconstruction work at the Lisboa Springs Trout Hatchery near Pecos. The project is expected to create 62 jobs beginning in early July.

ROSWELL AREA - C.R. Anthony Company, Beall's, J.C. Penney Company, and Wal-Mart will be the anchor tenants at the new $10 million, 300,000 square foot Roswell Mall now under construction. The new mall, which should be open next summer, also will house up to 60 smaller retail shops.

SANTA FE AREA - A four-story, 200-room hotel is planned for the downtown Santa Fe property occupied by the Big Jo Lumber Company since 1927. The hotel, to be named El Dorado, is scheduled to be built beginning this fall, with the opening in the spring of 1985. The facility will employ about 120 full-time workers. Mountain Bell plans to transfer about 40 employees from Santa Fe to Albuquerque this fall. The long-planned Villa Linda regional shopping mall in Santa Fe is still on the drawing board according to the developers, Paul Broadhead & Associates. The mall, which was approved by the city three years ago, will be about 600,000 square feet, including at least two full-line department stores, and should be under construction by January 1984, according to the developers.

SILVER CITY AREA - Phelps Dodge Corporation has disclosed that a new company, Burro Chief Copper Company, will be the operator of the new solvent extraction plant under construction at Phelps Dodge's Tyrone branch. The new $35 million plant is scheduled to be on line by mid-1984 and employ approximately 25 persons. Brown and Root, Incorporated is the prime contractor for the project.

TAOS AREA - Molycorp is nearing the initial production stage at its new underground molybdenum mine near Questa. The new mine has been under development for over four years, ever since the open pit mining operation was deemed uneconomical. Molycorp has more than doubled its workforce during that period, from approximately 400 to the present 825 workers. The company expects its workforce to peak at 1,000 when the mine is in full production.

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NEW MEXICO AREAS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY JOBS FUNDING

Fifteen New Mexico counties plus the portion of Bernalillo County outside the city of Albuquerque are qualified to receive emergency jobs creation funding under the Emergency Jobs Act (P.L. 98-8) signed into law on March 24. P.L. 98-8 authorized approximately $1.7 billion for various public works and service programs in areas of high unemployment across the country. To qualify, an area must have had an unemployment rate of not less than 8.8 percent in calendar year 1982. The U.S. Department of Labor made the initial High Unemployment Area designations, and the list will be periodically updated to include areas which have had sudden large increases in unemployment. New Mexico areas currently being considered for addition to the list are Colfax and Eddy counties.

New Mexico areas initially qualifying as High Unemployment Areas under the Emergency Jobs Bill

Bernalillo outside the city of Albuquerque
Catron
Cibola
Dona Ana
Grant
Hidalgo
Luna
McKinley
Mora
Quay
Rio Arriba
San Juan
San Miguel
Socorro
Taos
Valencia

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY MAY 1983 1/				REVISED APRIL 1983 1/				REVISED MAY 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	600,135	538,423	61,712	10.3	593,645	535,339	58,306	9.8	592,246	540,318	51,928	8.8
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	223,529	204,576	18,953	8.5	223,017	205,040	17,977	8.1	217,265	200,599	16,666	7.7
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	40,183	36,338	3,845	9.6	38,053	34,570	3,483	9.2	38,305	34,487	3,818	10.0
Catron	1,002	878	124	12.4	922	770	152	16.5	1,006	880	126	12.5
Chaves	24,442	22,215	2,227	9.1	24,279	22,459	1,820	7.5	24,014	22,703	1,311	5.5
Cibola	11,650	9,055	2,595	22.3	11,762	9,305	2,457	20.9	12,612	10,024	2,588	20.5
Colfax	7,234	6,343	891	12.3	6,739	5,614	1,125	16.7	6,815	6,306	509	7.5
Curry	15,030	13,645	1,385	9.2	14,840	13,519	1,321	8.9	14,848	14,086	762	5.1
De Baca	1,049	995	54	5.1	1,028	972	56	5.4	1,027	975	52	5.1
Eddy	24,733	21,172	3,561	14.4	24,840	21,811	3,029	12.2	24,573	22,955	1,618	6.6
Grant	10,529	8,362	2,167	20.6	9,828	7,597	2,231	22.7	12,536	8,405	4,131	33.0
Guadalupe	1,436	1,350	86	6.0	1,408	1,328	80	5.7	1,475	1,377	98	6.6
Harding	536	527	9	1.7	553	544	9	1.6	529	512	17	3.2
Hidalgo	2,553	2,326	227	8.9	2,544	2,317	227	8.9	2,605	2,351	254	9.8
Lea	33,109	30,587	2,522	7.6	33,373	31,026	2,347	7.0	34,505	33,046	1,459	4.2
Lincoln	7,552	7,308	244	3.2	6,725	6,467	258	3.8	7,574	7,338	236	3.1
Los Alamos	10,621	10,354	267	2.5	10,551	10,367	184	1.7	10,652	10,350	302	2.8
Luna	5,204	4,527	677	13.0	5,048	4,437	611	12.1	5,075	4,428	647	12.7
McKinley	17,828	14,800	3,028	17.0	17,795	14,835	2,960	16.6	18,774	16,646	2,128	11.3
Mora	1,139	803	336	29.5	1,130	773	357	31.6	1,157	795	362	31.3
Otero	14,599	13,327	1,272	8.7	14,463	13,242	1,221	8.4	14,286	13,268	1,018	7.1
Quay	5,520	4,949	571	10.3	5,292	4,737	555	10.5	5,102	4,683	419	8.2
Rio Arriba	11,726	9,332	2,394	20.4	11,653	9,234	2,419	20.8	11,347	9,151	2,196	19.4
Roosevelt	7,866	7,370	496	6.3	7,765	7,360	405	5.2	7,747	7,387	360	4.6
San Juan	40,218	34,390	5,828	14.5	39,635	34,249	5,386	13.6	38,099	34,576	3,523	9.2
San Miguel	9,021	7,845	1,176	13.0	8,867	7,814	1,053	11.9	8,454	7,392	1,062	12.6
Santa Fe	38,563	36,058	2,505	6.5	38,436	35,950	2,486	6.5	38,445	36,015	2,430	6.3
Sierra	2,475	2,304	171	6.9	2,420	2,253	167	6.9	2,823	2,694	129	4.6
Socorro	4,830	4,430	400	8.3	4,724	4,335	389	8.2	4,736	4,312	424	9.0
Taos	10,725	8,573	2,152	20.1	10,480	8,465	2,015	19.2	9,992	8,133	1,859	18.6
Torrance	2,188	2,066	122	5.6	2,242	2,111	131	5.8	2,192	2,059	133	6.1
Union	2,632	2,470	162	6.2	2,590	2,438	152	5.9	2,449	2,259	190	7.8
Valencia	10,413	9,148	1,265	12.1	10,643	9,400	1,243	11.7	11,227	10,126	1,101	9.8

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*

3/ *Dona Ana County*

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HIGHLIGHTS

As expected, New Mexico's unemployment rate increased sharply during June, climbing from 10.2 to 10.8 percent. The large number of students and graduates entering the labor market is the major cause of the June peak in unemployment each year. Total unemployment in the state stood at 65,900 in June, 4,500 higher than one month ago. Nationwide, the jobless rate, not seasonally adjusted, was 10.2 percent, up from 9.8 percent in May.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment in New Mexico recorded a 2,000 increase in June, led by seasonal gains in construction, trade, and services. Employment advances occurred in areas such as lodging places, eating & drinking establishments, building supply stores, amusement & recreation facilities, and at summer camps operated by scouting and religious organizations. Seasonal employment losses were posted by school bus contractors and educational institutions.

Two non-seasonal employment trends--one good and one bad--were continued in June. Construction recorded a strong 3,000 job gain during the month, continuing the steady growth shown by the industry since early this year. Construction employment is now 5,200 higher than one year ago. The bad news pertained to the hard-hit mining industry. Layoffs occurred during June in all mining sub-sectors; however, the largest were in the coal, uranium, and potash areas. Kaiser Steel Corporation closed the underground coal mining operations at its York Canyon mine near Raton, resulting in the layoff of approximately 100 workers. AMAX Chemical Corporation shut down its potash mine near Carlsbad, cutting about 400 persons from the firm's payroll. Homestake Mining Company closed its uranium mines and mill near Grants for a reported two-month period. Approximately 350 Homestake workers were laid off due to the shutdown.

JUNE SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Jun 1983	May 1983	Jun 1982	May 1983	Jun 1982
Civilian Labor Force	609,500	600,100	600,000	+ 9,400	+ 9,500
Employment	543,600	538,700	542,300	+ 4,900	+ 1,300
Unemployment	65,900	61,400	57,700	+ 4,500	+ 8,200
Rate	10.8%	10.2%	9.6%		

[1/] Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUN 1983	*Revised* MAY 1983	*Revised* JUN 1982	JUN *Change From*	
				MAY 1983	JUN 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	482,200	480,200	475,200	+2,000	+7,000
MINING	20,400	21,000	26,700	- 600	-6,300
Metal Mining	4,200	4,500	5,700	- 300	-1,500
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,600	3,800	5,100	- 200	-1,500
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,600	12,700	15,900	- 100	-3,300
CONSTRUCTION	38,100	35,100	32,900	+3,000	+5,200
MANUFACTURING	33,500	33,100	34,000	+ 400	- 500
Durable Goods	21,500	21,200	21,500	+ 300	0
Lumber and Wood Products	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,400	4,300	4,400	+ 100	0
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	+ 200
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,600	11,100	+ 200	- 300
Nondurable Goods	12,000	11,900	12,500	+ 100	- 500
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,700	3,700	+ 100	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	3,000	0	- 600
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,700	29,500	29,600	- 800	- 900
Railroad Transportation	2,200	2,300	2,500	- 100	- 300
Trucking and Warehousing	5,500	5,400	5,800	+ 100	- 300
Other Transportation	3,400	4,200	3,100	- 800	+ 300
Communication	7,500	7,500	8,200	0	- 700
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	10,100	10,100	10,000	0	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	112,600	111,500	110,200	+1,100	+2,400
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,600	22,900	+ 300	0
Durable Goods	13,700	13,500	13,800	+ 200	- 100
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,100	9,100	+ 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	89,700	88,900	87,300	+ 800	+2,400
General Merchandise Stores	10,600	10,500	10,600	+ 100	0
Food Stores	13,400	13,200	12,600	+ 200	+ 800
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,900	11,900	12,000	0	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	32,000	31,700	30,500	+ 300	+1,500
Other Retail Trade	21,800	21,600	21,600	+ 200	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,000	22,700	21,900	+ 300	+1,100
Banking	8,100	7,900	7,700	+ 200	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,500	5,400	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,500	9,300	8,800	+ 200	+ 700
SERVICES	99,700	97,500	96,900	+2,200	+2,800
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,900	10,400	10,400	+ 500	+ 500
Personal Services	4,900	4,800	4,800	+ 100	+ 100
Business Services	21,800	21,700	21,100	+ 100	+ 700
Health Services	24,400	24,300	23,700	+ 100	+ 700
Social Services	6,600	6,700	6,600	- 100	0
Membership Organizations	6,500	4,900	5,700	+1,600	+ 800
Other Services	24,600	24,700	24,600	- 100	0
GOVERNMENT	126,200	129,800	123,000	-3,600	+3,200
Federal	31,300	30,800	29,800	+ 500	+1,500
State 2/	41,000	44,200	40,000	-3,200	+1,000
Local	53,900	54,800	53,200	- 900	+ 700

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

Both the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate in the Albuquerque area increased substantially in June, largely the result of the usual influx of students and graduates into the labor market. The number of jobless persons seeking work rose during the month by 1,800 to total 20,700, while the unemployment rate climbed from 8.4 to 9.1 percent. Even with the June increase, Albuquerque's jobless rate remained almost two percentage points below the statewide rate, a relationship in evidence throughout the first half of 1983.

Seasonal changes dominated the June nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates. Large employment gains occurred in the construction, services, and trade industries, while decreases were seen in transportation and state and local government. Trade and services sub-sectors adding jobs during the month included auto dealers, service stations, eating & drinking establishments, and lodging places. The reductions in transportation and state and local government were related to the summer break at educational institutions.

Over the year, all major industries except transportation and communications recorded employment growth. Industries with the largest additional jobs were services, government, and construction. In services, the lodging places, health, and business services sub-sectors provided most of the growth. The yearly employment gain in government was largely the result of increased seasonal federal hiring in the first half of this year.

JUNE SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	*Revised*		*Change From*	
	Jun 1983	May 1983	Jun 1982	May 1983	Jun 1982
Civilian Labor Force	226,900	223,900	219,800	+ 3,000	+ 7,100
Employment	206,200	205,000	201,600	+ 1,200	+ 4,600
Unemployment	20,700	18,900	18,200	+ 1,800	+ 2,500
Rate	9.1%	8.4%	8.3%		

[1/] Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUN 1983	*Revised* MAY 1983	*Revised* JUN 1982	*JUN Change From*	
				MAY 1983	JUN 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	195,000	195,000	189,700	0	+5,300
CONSTRUCTION	12,800	12,300	11,800	+ 500	+1,000
MANUFACTURING	18.100	17,900	18,000	+ 200	+ 100
Durable Goods	12,700	12,500	12,800	+ 200	- 100
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,200	11,600	11,900	- 400	- 700
Transportation	4,400	4,800	4,900	- 400	- 500
Communication	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	48,900	48,500	48,200	+ 400	+ 700
Wholesale Trade	13,300	13,100	13,200	+ 200	+ 100
Durable Goods	8,600	8,500	8,700	+ 100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,500	+ 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	35,600	35,400	35,000	+ 200	+ 600
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	- 100
Food Stores	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,300	4,200	4,300	+ 100	0
Eating and Drinking Places	13,300	13,200	12,900	+ 100	+ 400
Other Retail Trade	10,200	10,200	9,900	0	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,500	11,400	11,000	+ 100	+ 500
Banking	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,100	5,000	4,800	+ 100	+ 300
SERVICES and MINING	49,800	49,300	47,500	+ 500	+2,300
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,100	2,700	+ 100	+ 500
Health Services	11,800	11,700	11,300	+ 100	+ 500
Social Services	2,700	2,800	2,600	- 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,600	1,800	+ 200	0
Other Services and Mining	30,300	30,100	29,100	+ 200	+1,200
GOVERNMENT	42,700	44,000	41,300	-1,300	+1,400
Federal	13,300	13,200	12,400	+ 100	+ 900
State	10,400	11,900	10,300	-1,500	+ 100
Local	19,000	18,900	18,600	+ 100	+ 400

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUN 1983	*Revised* MAY 1983	*Revised* JUN 1982	*JUN Change From* MAY 1983	JUN 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	32,025	32,675	30,425	-650	+1,600
CONSTRUCTION	2,250	2,125	1,625	+125	+ 625
MANUFACTURING	2,825	2,850	2,875	- 25	- 50
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,200	1,200	-100	- 100
Transportation	450	550	500	-100	- 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	650	700	0	- 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,225	6,300	5,750	- 75	+ 475
Wholesale Trade	875	875	850	0	+ 25
Retail Trade	5.350	5,425	4,900	- 75	+ 450
General Merchandise Stores	725	725	725	0	0
Food Stores	825	800	725	+ 25	+ 100
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,000	2,100	1,750	-100	+ 250
Other Retail Trade	1,050	1,050	975	0	+ 75
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,275	1,250	1,250	+ 25	+ 25
SERVICES & MINING	4,225	4,175	4,125	+ 50	+ 100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	625	0	- 25
Business Services	700	700	725	0	- 25
Health Services	875	875	825	0	+ 50
Social Services	350	325	300	+ 25	+ 50
Other Services & Mining	1,700	1,675	1,650	+ 25	+ 50
GOVERNMENT	14,125	14,775	13,600	-650	+ 525
Federal	4,650	4,275	4,400	+375	- 250
State	4,800	5,700	4,600	-900	+ 200
Local	4,675	4,300	4,600	-125	+ 75

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	JUN 1982	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	JUN 1982	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	JUN 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$487.19	$464.82	$463.00	43.0	41.8	41.9	$11.33	$11.12	$11.05
CONSTRUCTION	369.89	365.82	377.05	37.4	36.4	36.5	9.89	10.05	10.33
MANUFACTURING	302.20	306.82	284.25	39.4	40.8	39.7	7.67	7.52	7.16
Durable Goods	315.52	320.26	311.20	40.4	41.7	40.0	7.81	7.68	7.78
Nondurable Gds	273.04	277.03	229.13	37.3	38.8	39.1	7.32	7.14	5.86
COMM and UTIL	403.19	389.37	367.85	41.1	40.1	41.1	9.81	9.71	8.95
TRADE *	262.35	252.76	255.92	35.5	35.4	36.3	7.39	7.14	7.05
BANKING	195.32	202.87	184.84	38.0	39.7	37.8	5.14	5.11	4.89
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$297.60	$306.39	$302.18	40.0	41.8	39.5	$ 7.44	$ 7.33	$ 7.65

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Work is expected to begin in mid-August on the huge new Veterans Administration Hospital project adjacent to the present VA facility on Ridgecrest Drive S. E. The new hospital will have a bed capacity of 380 and be the equivalent of 10 stories high. The project should provide employment for up to 1,000 workers during the three-year construction period. When completed, the new hospital will replace the existing 327-bed Veterans facility and allow the hospital to expand its staff from 1,100 to 1,500 employees. A Dallas firm, J.W. Bateson Co., Inc., was awarded the $52.2 million contract for Phase 1 of the new Veterans Hospital. The new Ladera Shopping Center on the city's west side has opened with a 42,000 square foot Safeway Super Store. Another 12 stores, including a large Walgreen's, are nearly completed at the new center which is located on Coors Boulevard. Mountain Bell announced another 37 job transfers from Santa Fe to Albuquerque, bringing to 77 the number of jobs moved to the city within the past month. El Encanto, Inc. has been awarded a $452,000 Urban Development Action Grant to help build a 50,000 square foot food processing plant in the South Barelas Industrial Park. The new plant is expected to employ 81 persons when in operation. Forecast Industries, located on Coors Road, is constructing 29 of the electricity-generating vertical axis wind turbines, VWATS, for "wind farms" in California. Forecast Industries presently employs 12 persons and expects to employ up to 40 by next year. Cutter Flying Service has broken ground for a $3.2 million business aviation facility at Albuqueruqe International Airport. John Hanson, president of Harte-Hanks Direct Marketing in Albuquerque, said that by the end of 1984 his company will increase its workforce from 200 to 400 persons. The $7.6 million, 80-bed Heights Psychiatric Hospital is expected to be completed by August 1984 and employ about 80 people within the first year of operation.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Scott Air, Inc. now employs about 150 workers at its Alamogordo plant, manufacturing and marketing a variety of electric motor controls. The firm has operated in Alamogordo since 1975. $20 million in funding has been approved by a Senate committee for various construction projects at Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range. The larger construction projects include an aircraft maintenance hanger, munitions storage, alterations to enlisted housing, and an airmen's dining room. White Sands Missile Range was awarded more than $12.3 million in contracts to area businesses in the third quarter of Fiscal Year 1983.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Work began in early July on relocation of a portion of U.S. 285 near Artesia in order to make way for construction of the long-planned Brantley Dam project on the Pecos River. Tezak Construction of Colorado was awarded the $3.5 million contract for the relocation project. Brantley Dam is expected to cost a total of $250 million by the time the facility is completed in 1989. The Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a $9.8 million contract to Ohbayashi-Gumi Ltd. for mining and shaft work at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. The Tokyo-based firm plans to hire approximately 75 workers by late this summer for the project. Kerr McGee's temporary layoff of 300 workers on June 12 due to mechanical failure at its potash mine has been extended through the month of July.

ESPANOLA AREA - The Rio Arriba Board of County Commissioners has approved a resolution to seek $3.7 million in funding for a judicial facility in Tierra Amarilla. Rockwell International has awarded a $78,000 contract to Ojo Caliente Craftsman to build six access platforms for use in the construction of the B-1 bomber. Five more employees will probably be hired to complete the contract.

FARMINGTON AREA - The Bureau of Reclamation has budgeted a total of $6 million for the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project in Fiscal Year 1984. This will allow development work on Block 6 of the project and construction of a pumping plant and lateral feeders.

GRANTS/GALLUP AREA - Santa Fe Coal Corporation's Lee Ranch mine is expected to begin shipping coal by next year. The mine, which has been under development since last year, will employ approximately 400 workers when in full production. Carbon Coal Company officials are still not disclosing when production at the Mentmore mine will resume. When the mine was shut down on April 1, company officials said production would probably resume in three months. Approximately 170 workers were laid off at the Mentmore coal mine. Scott River Project, a Phoenix based utility, has announced it wants to buy 500,000 additional tons of coal a year from Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining Company's (P and M) McKinley mine near Gallup. Homestake Mining Company is reopening its uranium mines and mill near Grants on July 26 after a two-month shutdown of the facilities. Approximately 350 Homestake workers were laid off during the shutdown. Ralph Gebara has purchased and reopened the Bluewater Truck Stop on Interstate 40 near Grants. Gebara now employs 38 workers in the restaurant, grocery, and gasoline station of the reopened truck stop. Jon Samuelson, spokesman for Plains Electric Generating and Transmission Escalante Power Plant near Prewitt said 79 permanent employees have been hired. This makes up about 75 percent of the total workforce that is expected to work at the plant.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Plans were recently announced for a three-phase construction of a large full-service medical center in Santa Teresa, south of Las Cruces. The first phase of the Santa Teresa Medical Complex will consist of an immediate care facility and an alcohol and drug abuse center to be built at an estimated cost of $3 million. The second phase of the complex will be a 100-bed full-service hospital, and the third phase will include a long-term nursing center. Construction of the first phase is expected to begin this summer and be completed by early next year. The Furr's Family Center on North Main was closed in mid-July, resulting in the layoff of approximately 100 persons. A new Furr's store is being built in the Pan Am Plaza Shopping Center, and some of the laid-off workers will be rehired when the new facility opens. A European firm, Jean Zanchi & Sons of Geneva, Switzerland, and the New Mexico French Wine Growers Association, in a joint project, have now planted the first 200 of an expected 8,000 acres of wine grape vines near Truth or Consequences. A full-scale winery is scheduled to be built within two years which would produce between 30,000 and 50,000 bottles of wine a year. About 20 permanent jobs and up to 100 seasonal jobs should be created by the new winery. The senior vice president at Skaggs, Bill Wade, announced the construction of the 65,000 square foot Las Cruces Skaggs Alpha Beta store, which will be completed for a grand opening in February or March 1984. The construction permit for the Skaggs store was $1.7 million.

LAS VEGAS AREA - A sawmill and modular home production plant is scheduled to be located near Las Vegas by P.D. Forest Products, Inc. The new plant could be in operation by the end of the summer and employ up to 100 persons, according to company officials. Two local firms, Hays Plumbing and Heating and George Lester General Contractor, Inc., have been awarded large contracts for construction of the new Montana de Fibre medium density fiberboard plant north of Las Vegas. Construction of the plant is on schedule for a June 1984 opening date. A new manufacturing operation, Garcia's Wood Saver Furnaces, has opened in Mora. The business employs 12 persons producing wood-burning furnaces designed for central heating systems.

ROSWELL AREA - Work on the first phase of a $5 million subdivision project in northwest Roswell is scheduled to begin by this September. The initial phase of the Linda Estado subdivision will involve 45 acres, encompassing both single family and townhouse development. Whitaker-Mayes Aquateck Pools, a subsidiary of Whitaker Aquateck Pools in Tucson, Arizona, recently opened in Roswell and employs 45 to 50 workers. The U.P. Clarence Company of El Paso is planning a 55,000 square foot shopping center at Country Club Road and Main Street. Walgreen's, Sprouse Reitz, and Peter Piper Pizza embody only a portion of the project and represent about $1.5 million of the construction.

SANTA FE AREA - Paul Broadhead and Associates have announced that Dillard's and Mervyn's department stores will be the major tenants of the new Villa Linda Mall, to be built this fall at the intersection of Rodeo and Cerrillos Roads. Construction on the 550,000 square foot regional shopping center is expected to be completed in the summer of 1985. Four other department stores have been approved for possible inclusion in the mall, and plans call for 70 small retail shops. Permanent employment provided by the mall would be 800 to 1,000 jobs and could increase to 1,500 during peak periods. The developers of the new First Interstate Plaza, the first phase of which is now almost completed, has asked the City Council to issue $4 million in revenue bond financing to construct the second phase of the multi-story office and retail complex. Trammell Crow Company officials said the second phase construction should create about 250 jobs. Safeway, Inc. has announced a 14,000 square foot addition to the company's store at St. Michael's Drive. The $1 million expansion is expected to increase the store's staff of 60 by a third. The Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce reports that the Santa Fe Opera, with a mid-July to mid-September season, brings $12 million into the state against a budget of $4 million. The opera has grown from 73 employees in 1957 to 449 this year.

SOCORRO/BELEN AREA - Work is continuing on the $4 million United Dessicants, Inc. plant in the Rio Grande Industrial Park near Belen. The plant will produce dried clay used as a moisture prohibitive agent in the manufacture of electronic and photographic equipment. The plant is expected to be in operation this fall with a workforce of 30. A New Jersey solar energy firm, Chronal Corporation, is considering locating a manufacturing plant south of Belen which could initially employ 100 persons. Forty-five persons from the Socorro area have been hired, and another 50 persons have been brought into the area for White Sands Missile Range's "Direct Course" project. The project, which will simulate the effects of a nuclear explosion, will take place in September. All jobs are scheduled to end on or before September 29.

SILVER CITY AREA - Boliden Minerals test drilling project at its property near Pinos Altos is continuing with approximately 24 workers employed. The firm is expected to complete its underground testing late this summer and make a decision sometime next year as to development of the property into a full-scale mine and concentrator. The firm is evaluating copper, zinc, and silver ore for possible mining.

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CPI-W - 297.2

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1983 1/				REVISED MAY 1983 1/				REVISED JUNE 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	609,522	543,632	65,890	10.8	600,106	538,687	61,419	10.2	600,006	542,320	57,686	9.6
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	226,918	206,178	20,740	9.1	223,803	204,950	18,853	8.4	219,830	201,583	18,247	8.3
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	39,380	35,365	4,015	10.2	40,238	36,373	3,865	9.6	37,544	33,465	4,079	10.9
Catron	1,082	960	122	11.3	1,000	877	123	12.3	1,032	897	135	13.1
Chaves	24,806	22,498	2,308	9.3	24,405	22,208	2,197	9.0	24,340	22,797	1,543	6.3
Cibola	11,887	9,072	2,815	23.7	11,601	9,052	2,549	22.0	12,924	10,061	2,863	22.2
Colfax	7,865	6,798	1,067	13.6	7,220	6,341	879	12.2	7,785	7,171	614	7.9
Curry	15,237	13,909	1,328	8.7	15,021	13,641	1,380	9.2	15,114	14,213	901	6.0
De Baca	1,123	1,051	72	6.4	1,047	994	53	5.[illegible]	1,058	1,007	51	4.8
Eddy	25,371	21,205	4,166	16.4	24,736	21,164	3,572	14.4	25,066	22,810	2,256	9.0
Grant	10,784	8,595	2,189	20.3	10,508	8,360	2,148	20.4	12,441	7,496	4,945	39.7
Guadalupe	1,528	1,396	132	8.6	1,440	1,350	90	6.3	1,505	1,392	113	7.5
Harding	614	604	10	1.6	536	527	9	1.7	588	555	33	5.6
Hidalgo	2,619	2,381	238	9.1	2,552	2,325	227	8.9	2,517	2,250	267	10.6
Lea	33,858	31,007	2,851	8.4	33,096	30,577	2,519	7.6	34,804	33,194	1,610	4.6
Lincoln	8,371	8,007	364	4.3	7,552	7,305	247	3.3	7,963	7,694	269	3.4
Los Alamos	10,740	10,488	252	2.3	10,610	10,350	260	2.5	10,760	10,505	255	2.4
Luna	5,350	4,653	697	13.0	5,149	4,475	674	13.1	5,134	4,449	685	13.3
McKinley	17,562	14,308	3,254	18.5	17,791	14,796	2,995	16.8	18,880	16,533	2,347	12.4
Mora	1,178	826	352	29.9	1,141	802	339	29.7	1,239	831	408	32.9
Otero	14,776	13,498	1,278	8.6	14,597	13,323	1,274	8.7	14,566	13,442	1,124	7.7
Quay	5,843	5,227	616	10.5	5,518	4,947	571	10.3	5,271	4,796	475	9.0
Rio Arriba	11,407	9,169	2,238	19.6	11,703	9,328	2,375	20.3	10,815	8,622	2,193	20.3
Roosevelt	7,696	7,231	465	6.0	7,859	7,367	492	6.3	7,388	7,040	348	4.7
San Juan	40,055	33,990	6,065	15.1	40,159	34,379	5,780	14.4	38,685	34,384	4,301	11.1
San Miguel	9,019	7,844	1,175	13.0	9,009	7,843	1,166	12.9	8,727	7,606	1,121	12.8
Santa Fe	40,569	37,849	2,720	6.7	38,536	36,046	2,490	6.5	40,128	37,534	2,594	6.5
Sierra	2,533	2,361	172	6.8	2,479	2,303	176	7.1	2,814	2,689	125	4.4
Socorro	4,664	4,236	428	9.2	4,823	4,428	395	8.2	4,530	4,058	472	10.4
Taos	11,011	9,075	1,936	17.6	10,727	8,570	2,157	20.1	10,411	8,604	1,807	17.4
Torrance	2,268	2,140	128	5.6	2,190	2,066	124	5.7	2,315	2,169	146	6.3
Union	2,809	2,546	263	9.4	2,645	2,475	170	6.4	2,510	2,309	201	8.0
Valencia	10,599	9,165	1,434	13.5	10,415	9,145	1,270	12.2	11,322	10,164	1,158	10.2

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*

3/ *Dona Ana County*

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HIGHLIGHTS

Changes in New Mexico's labor force during July were for the most part relatively normal according to preliminary estimates. The State's unemployment rate declined over the month from 10.8 to 10.6 percent. The 1200 gain in employment is usual for July as increases in agriculture, self-employed workers and unpaid family workers offset a small loss in nonagricultural wage and salary employment. A decrease in unemployment, such as the 1600 decline this July, is also normal as June job seekers (mostly students and new graduates) either find work or stop seeking employment. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) in July was 9.4 percent, down from 10.2 percent in June.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in New Mexico totaled 481,200 in July, a decrease of 700 from the June estimate. The largest industry employment change over the month was the 2400 reduction in government, largely the result of summer layoffs at public schools - mostly cafeteria, maintenance and office workers. The other substantial employment reduction during July was in the manufacturing industry. Three subsectors - transporation, textile, and other nondurable goods - all reported employment losses. On the plus side in July were large seasonal expansions in both the trade and service industries, helping to partially offset the losses mentioned above.

New Mexico's unemployment situation should begin showing some improvement in coming months. The jobless rate seems to have stabilized after a 1½ year recessionary climb and the rate is now expected to slowly recede as the economic recovery takes hold.

JULY SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982	June 1983	July 1982
Civilian Labor Force	608,900	609,300	599,300	-400	+9,600
Employment	544,500	543,300	541,100	+1,200	+3,400
Unemployment	64,400	66,000	58,200	-1,600	+6,200
Rate	10.6%	10.8%	9.7%		

[1/] Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	Revised	Revised	JUL Change From	
	JUL 1983	JUN 1983	JUL 1982	JUN 1983	JUL 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	481,200	481,900	471,700	- 700	+9,500
MINING	20,300	20,400	25,600	- 100	-5,300
Metal Mining	4,200	4,200	5,300	0	-1,100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,400	3,600	5,200	- 200	-1,800
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,700	12,600	15,100	+ 100	-2,400
CONSTRUCTION	37,500	37,500	33,000	0	+4,500
MANUFACTURING	33,200	33,700	33,800	- 500	- 600
Durable Goods	21,400	21,600	21,400	- 200	0
Lumber and Wood Products	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	+ 200
Transportation Equipment	3,900	4,100	3,900	- 200	0
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,800	11,100	0	- 300
Nondurable Goods	11,800	12,100	12,400	- 300	- 600
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,300	2,500	2,900	- 200	- 600
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,800	5,800	- 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,600	28,700	29,300	- 100	- 700
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,500	0	- 200
Trucking and Warehousing	5,400	5,500	5,700	- 100	- 300
Other Transportation	3,300	3,300	3,100	0	+ 200
Communication	7,500	7,500	8,100	0	- 600
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	10,100	10,100	9,900	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	113,800	112,800	110,600	+1,000	+3,200
Wholesale Trade	23,000	22,900	23,000	+ 100	0
Durable Goods	13,800	13,700	13,900	+ 100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	90,800	89,900	87,600	+ 900	+3,200
General Merchandise Stores	11,000	10,600	10,600	+ 400	+ 400
Food Stores	13,500	13,300	12,600	+ 200	+ 900
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,000	12,000	12,100	0	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	32,000	32,000	30,500	0	+1,500
Other Retail Trade	22,300	22,000	21,800	+ 300	+ 500
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,200	23,000	22,000	+ 200	+1,200
Banking	8,100	8,100	7,800	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,400	5,400	+ 100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,600	9,500	8,800	+ 100	+ 800
SERVICES	101,300	100,100	97,800	+1,200	+3,500
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,100	11,000	10,900	+ 100	+ 200
Personal Services	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	+ 200
Business Services	21,900	21,800	21,000	+ 100	+ 900
Health Services	24,500	24,400	23,300	+ 100	+1,200
Social Services	6,800	6,700	7,000	+ 100	- 200
Membership Organizations	7,100	6,600	6,100	+ 500	+1,000
Other Services	25,000	24,700	24,800	+ 300	+ 200
GOVERNMENT	123,300	125,700	119,600	-2,400	+3,700
Federal	31,400	31,400	30,000	0	+1,400
State 2/	40,000	40,600	39,100	- 600	+ 900
Local	51,900	53,700	50,500	-1,800	+1,400

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The number of persons unemployed in the Albuquerque area decreased by 700 during July and correspondingly, the unemployment rate fell from 9.2 to 8.8 percent over the month. This change was expected as many June labor force entrants and reentrants (mostly youth) either find employment or cease looking for work.

The number of nonagricultural payroll jobs in Albuquerque grew by 1600 during July and all major industries except manufacturing recorded employment increases. The largest number of additional jobs was in the government sector, specifically in the local category. This rather unusual increase was mostly the result of summer employment programs operated by the public schools. The trade industry added 200 jobs during July, spread among most industry subsectors. The strong construction growth shown in recent months slowed somewhat in July as the industry increased by only 100 jobs; however, construction employment remained significantly higher than in 1982. As mentioned above, manufacturing lost employment over the month, but most of the reduction occurred at one durable goods firm, the result of a temporary unpaid vacation shutdown.

JULY SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982	June 1983	July 1982
Civilian Labor Force	227,600	226,800	219,800	+800	+7,800
Employment	207,500	206,000	201,000	+1,500	+6,500
Unemployment	20,100	20,800	18,800	-700	+1,300
Rate	8.8%	9.2%	8.6%		

[1/] Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*JUL Change From*	
	JUL 1983	JUN 1983	JUL 1982	JUN 1983	JUL 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	196,300	194,700	189,300	+1,600	+7,000
CONSTRUCTION	12,900	12,800	12,100	+ 100	+ 800
MANUFACTURING	18,000	18,200	17,900	- 200	+ 100
Durable Goods	12,600	12,800	12,700	- 200	- 100
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,300	11,200	11,800	+ 100	- 500
Transportation	4,500	4,400	4,900	+ 100	- 400
Communication	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,700	2,400	0	+ 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	49,200	49,000	48,300	+ 200	+ 900
Wholesale Trade	13,400	13,300	13,400	+ 100	0
Durable Goods	8,700	8,600	8,800	+ 100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	35,800	35,700	34,900	+ 100	+ 900
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	3,900	4,000	+ 100	0
Food Stores	4,000	3,900	3,900	+ 100	+ 100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,200	4,300	4,300	- 100	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	13,200	13,300	12,800	- 100	+ 400
Other Retail Trade	10,400	10,300	9,900	+ 100	+ 500
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,500	11,500	11,000	0	+ 500
Banking	2,900	3,000	2,900	- 100	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,200	5,100	4,800	+ 100	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	50,000	49,900	47,500	+ 100	+2,500
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,200	2,900	0	+ 300
Health Services	11,700	11,700	11,200	0	+ 500
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	+ 200
Membership Organizations	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	30,400	30,300	29,000	+ 100	+1,400
GOVERNMENT	43,400	42,100	40,700	+1,300	+2,700
Federal	13,200	13,300	12,400	- 100	+ 800
State	10,000	10,100	10,000	- 100	0
Local	20,200	18,700	18,300	+1,500	+1,900

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUL 1983	*Revised* JUN 1983	*Revised* JUL 1982	*JUL Change From* JUN 1983	JUL 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,350	32,100	29,650	-750	+1,700
CONSTRUCTION	2,250	2,250	1,600	0	+ 650
MANUFACTURING	2,800	2,850	2,825	- 50	- 25
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,175	0	- 75
Transportation	450	450	450	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	650	725	0	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,425	6,250	5,825	+175	+ 600
Wholesale Trade	875	875	825	0	+ 50
Retail Trade	5,550	5,375	5,000	+175	+ 550
General Merchandise Stores	800	725	775	+ 75	+ 25
Food Stores	825	800	700	+ 25	+ 125
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	775	775	750	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,050	2,025	1,775	+ 25	+ 275
Other Retail Trade	1,100	1,050	1,000	+ 50	+ 100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,325	1,300	1,275	+ 25	+ 50
SERVICES & MINING	4,275	4,250	4,075	+ 25	+ 200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	600	0	0
Business Services	700	725	750	- 25	- 50
Health Services	900	875	850	+ 25	+ 50
Social Services	375	350	325	+ 25	+ 50
Other Services & Mining	1,700	1,700	1,550	0	+ 150
GOVERNMENT	13,175	14,100	12,875	-925	+ 300
Federal	4,700	4,650	4,475	+ 50	+ 225
State	4,500	4,775	4,325	-275	+ 175
Local	3,975	4,675	4,075	-700	- 100

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL 1983	JUN 1983	JUL 1982	JUL 1983	JUN 1983	JUL 1982	JUL 1983	JUN 1983	JUL 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$435.60	$487.21	$505.31	39.6	42.7	43.3	$11.00	$11.41	$11.67
CONSTRUCTION	369.02	268.40	392.15	37.2	37.1	37.1	9.92	9.93	10.57
MANUFACTURING	298.30	300.99	273.93	38.0	39.5	39.7	7.85	7.62	6.90
Durable Goods	302.35	313.10	292.99	37.7	40.4	39.7	8.02	7.75	7.38
Nondurable Gds	291.36	273.75	232.26	38.9	37.5	39.5	7.49	7.30	5.88
COMM and UTIL	400.82	404.01	389.67	40.9	41.1	41.9	9.80	9.83	9.30
TRADE *	256.32	258.48	251.56	36.0	35.8	36.3	7.12	7.22	6.93
BANKING	199.30	198.50	184.13	38.4	38.1	37.5	5.19	5.21	4.91
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$289.56	$299.30	$303.80	37.9	40.5	38.8	$ 7.64	$ 7.39	$ 7.83

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE - A proposed new Federal Aviation Administration Flight Service Station (FSS) is drawing the interest of several New Mexico cities including: Carlsbad, Raton, Las Cruces, Roswell, Hobbs, Silver City and Albuquerque. The new FSS would employ approximately 80 persons. Certification has been given to the Development Authority of New Mexico Inc. of Santa Fe to help finance small businesses in the northern half of New Mexico. Development Authority of New Mexico will operate under the Small Business Administration Certified Development Company program, which is designed to boost economic development and create jobs. The State Corrections Department has approved an agency - wide reorganization plan that would mean approximately 250 fewer department workers.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - The first store at the new west - side Ladera Shopping Center held its grand opening on July 9. The 42,000 square - foot Safeway store employs 80 persons. Another dozen stores are expected to open by the end of August at the Center. The Albuquerque Industrial Development Service estimates the new Museum of Natural History being constructed in Albuquerque will bring about $25 million a year into the City's economy. Construction on the new El Encanto, Inc. food processing plant is scheduled to start in mid-October. The new 50,000 square-foot facility in Barelas Industrial Park will be operated by Bueno Foods, which plans to add 81 jobs at the completed facility in June 1984. Bueno currently employs 89 regular employees and hires 70 to 80 seasonal workers during late summer and early fall. Allied American Gypsum Company plans to open a new business from the old American Gypsum plant. The new wallboard company, located at Los Angeles Drive and Jefferson Street, plans to hire a workforce of 100. Fifty million dollars of the $65 million school bond issue passed by Albuquerque voters this spring will go for construction and $15 million for new equipment. Construction has begun on the new 120 bed Northside Presbyterian Hospital located at 5901 Harper Road, N.E. The new facility will cost $13.6 million. Citicorp Credit Services Inc., a subsidiary of Citicorp, the world's largest bank holding company, will open a regional credit center on October 3. The center, to be located at One Executive Center, Wyoming at Menaul NE, will employ 65 persons in the first year.

ALAMOGORDO AREA - Frank Tatsch of Silver City has been awarded a $2.27 million contract to construct the La Ley School. The BDM Corporation of Albuquerque has been awarded a $22 million contract to operate and maintain the High Energy Laser System Test Facility (HELSTF) at White Sands Missile Range. BDM will employ about 150 people to fulfill the 3 year contract. Quality Health Care Center Incorporated has been given State approval to build and operate a 120-bed nursing home in Alamogordo.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA - The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant has received final approval from the U.S. Department of Energy. The project now has 93 full - time workers and its workforce is due to increase by 269 people by November. Los Alamos National Laboratories has proposed an underground lab near Carlsbad which would operate proton-decay experiments. The laboratory would include about 50 physicists and technicians and have a $42 million annual budget. Things may be looking up somewhat in the potash industry. Potash Company of America plans to recall approximately 400 of its employees in September and AMAX Chemical has sent notices to about 300 employees asking them to return to work August 29. In early August Kerr McGee recalled the 300 workers at its potash mine who were laid off in June due to equipment failure.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - The Military Construction Authorization Bill now before Congress authorizes $6.8 million for construction of a consolidated support center at Cannon Air Force Base.

DEMING AREA - Border Foods Inc. starts its "fresh pack" season in August and it will run through October. Border Foods hires more than 300 seasonal employees to pack chile during this period.

ESPANOLA/CHAMA AREA - Work is underway on a new 120-bed nursing home located on Riverside Drive in Espanola. When the 33,000 square-foot facility is completed it is expected to employ up to 60 people. Evergreen Lumber Company of Chama is planning a $3 to $4 million construction project within the next two years. Once the new sawmill is in full production, employment would increase from 58 to about 90 full-time employees. Current plant production is about 13 million board feet per year and the new sawmill, by utilizing more modern technology, will be capable of producing 50 to 60 million board feet per year.

FARMINGTON AREA - The Farmington Industrial Development Services (FIDS) has recommended the construction of an Americare Nursing Care Center. The construction of the 120-bed facility would provide full-time jobs for 60 to 75 persons when in operation.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Construction has started on a new $809,364 Furr's Cafeteria in Gallup. The new cafeteria will be located on North Highway 666.

HOBBS AREA - The Wal-Mart Discount City Store expects its 63,000 square-foot store to open in early fall. Wal-Mart plans to hire about 90 people for full-time employment and additional help during peak selling periods. According to recently released figures from the State Oil and Gas Association, 204 gas wells were completed in the first half of 1983 in southeastern New Mexico, down significantly from the 399 gas wells completed during the same period in 1982. Oil well completions were not quite so discouraging-283 this year compared to 280 last year. Hobbs architects Killian and Associates were selected to design a $2.4 million state office building planned for Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Single family residence construction for June in Dona Ana County was up by approximately 50 percent from June 1982. Burn construction of Las Cruces has started work on a $1.3 million runway and fencing project at the site of the new Santa Teresa Airport, south of Las Cruces. The first phase of the airport is expected to be completed by early 1984.

RATON/CLAYTON AREA - Amoco Production Company has announced the $132 million Phase II development program of the Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit. The second phase will include the drilling of approximately 125 wells and the construction of a large gathering system, and is to be completed by mid-summer 1984. The Raton City Commission passed an inducement resolution to pay for a feasibility study of a proposed "mini" steel mill in the Raton area. Zia Steel, Incorporated is asking for industrial development bonds to relocate a steel plant which now stands idle in Arizona. The proposed plant would employ approximately 75 workers. Zia Steel is also considering a site near San Antonio, New Mexico for the steel plant.

ROSWELL AREA - A bill has been introduced in the U. S. Senate to transfer the federally owned desalinization test facility east of Roswell to city ownership. The facility could net Roswell $1,000 per day in fees for testing services. Transportation Manufacturing Company (TMC) recalled a few workers in August; however no large recalls are planned according to company officials. TMC has laid off approximately 230 workers at its plant in the past few months due to declining orders for the buses the plant assembles. The Levi Strauss and Company plant in Roswell is slowly increasing its workforce and may possibly go to a 45 hour work week, according to the plant manager. The plant currently employs approximately 500 workers and plans are to increase that to 550 by the end of this year.

SANTA FE AREA - H. W. Houston Construction Company of Pueblo, Colorado is scheduled to begin construction on the new $4.9 million jail this month. Completion of the project is expected within 18 months.

SILVER CITY AREA - Chino Mines recalled about 20 additional workers in late July at the company's open pit copper mine at Santa Rita. This latest recall brings the total company payroll up to slightly over 1000. Chino employment was approximately 1500 before its layoff in early 1982.

TAOS AREA - Molycorp Inc.'s underground mine operation in Questa has started gearing up. As of August 1, 1983 Molycorp employed about 738 people with plans to hire about 50 workers in August. Molycorp expects to employ about 965 people at its peak. An updated study indicates Molycorp Inc.'s present workforce will increase to 890 by the end of 1983 and will peak in 1984. The updated study by Mimbres Inc. indicates that for every Molycorp job .93 jobs will be created in other sectors.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Construction on the renovation of Ute Dam is continuing by K and C Construction Company of Albuquerque. The $8.5 million project was begun in late 1982 and completion is set for June 1984. K and C Construction is employing approximately 130 persons. Natural Hospitality Corporation of Sacramento, California wants to locate a 104 room motor inn in Tucumcari. Plans call for the motel to be under construction by the end of the year with completion in mid-1984. Bauske Construction Company was awarded the $1.2 million contract for construction of the new Caprock Ampitheatre, to be located near San Jon.

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Improved Career Decision Making Workshops (ICDM)

Three two-day workshops on availability and use of National and State Occupational/Labor Market information materials will be held in New Mexico this fall. The workshops are intended primarily for counselors in schools, universities and employment programs to help them better advise their clients. Sponsorship is by the State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee, New Mexico Career Information System, State Department of Education-Vocational Education Division, and Employment Security Department. There is no charge. One graduate credit will be available. Sites are Albuquerque-September 22-23, Las Vegas-October 20-21, and Roswell-November 17-18. Enrollment is limited and must be requested by September 7. For further information contact:

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY JULY 1983 [1/]				REVISED JUNE 1983 [1/]				REVISED JULY 1982 [1/]			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	608,935	544,497	64,438	10.6	609,358	543,321	66,037	10.8	599,301	541,070	58,231	9.7
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/	227,574	207,467	20,107	8.8	226,810	205,991	20,819	9.2	219,784	201,009	18,775	8.5
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	38,607	34,757	3,850	10.0	39,525	35,466	4,059	10.3	36,783	32,716	4,067	11.1
Catron	1,014	908	106	10.5	1,081	960	121	11.2	1,046	888	158	15.1
Chaves	24,642	22,443	2,199	8.9	24,831	22,510	2,321	9.3	24,535	22,906	1,629	6.6
Cibola	12,083	8,995	3,088	25.6	11,983	9,159	2,824	23.6	12,765	9,821	2,944	23.1
Colfax	7,932	6,855	1,077	13.6	7,869	6,802	1,067	13.6	7,786	7,005	781	10.0
Curry	15,260	13,941	1,319	8.6	15,253	13,916	1,337	8.8	15,092	14,249	843	5.6
De Baca	1,136	1,062	74	6.5	1,121	1,051	70	6.2	1,070	1,029	41	3.8
Eddy	25,773	21,032	4,741	18.4	25,407	21,217	4,190	16.5	25,202	22,979	2,223	8.8
Grant	10,587	8,629	1,958	18.5	10,780	8.600	2,180	20.2	12,070	7,423	4,647	38.5
Guadalupe	1,565	1,440	125	8.0	1,528	1,397	131	8.6	1,520	1,434	86	5.7
Harding	627	615	12	1.9	614	605	9	1.5	652	616	36	5.5
Hidalgo	2,690	2,444	246	9.1	2,620	2,383	237	9.0	2,618	2,324	294	11.2
Lea	33,563	30,913	2,650	7.9	33,876	31,024	2,852	8.4	35,103	33,231	1,872	5.3
Lincoln	8,622	8,298	324	3.8	8,367	8,011	356	4.3	8,294	8,038	256	3.1
Los Alamos	10,988	10,752	236	2.1	10,764	10,518	246	2.3	10,722	10,503	219	2.0
Luna	5,376	4,696	680	12.6	5,372	4,655	717	13.3	5,337	4,592	745	14.0
McKinley	17,867	14,519	3,348	18.7	17,789	14,517	3,272	18.4	18,776	16,359	2,417	12.9
Mora	1,125	789	336	29.9	1,174	827	347	29.6	1,233	856	377	30.6
Otero	14,708	13,520	1,188	8.1	14,784	13,506	1,278	8.6	14,529	13,402	1,127	7.8
Quay	5,842	5,295	547	9.4	5,846	5,230	616	10.5	5,405	4,918	487	9.0
Rio Arriba	11,170	9,138	2,032	18.2	11,173	8,940	2,233	20.0	10,687	8,600	2,087	19.5
Roosevelt	7,733	7,282	451	5.8	7,697	7,234	463	6.0	7,171	6,837	334	4.7
San Juan	39,791	33,907	5,884	14.8	40,200	34,074	6,126	15.2	38,695	34,366	4,329	11.2
San Miguel	8,305	7,175	1,130	13.6	8,405	7,248	1,157	13.8	8,785	7,684	1,101	12.5
Santa Fe	40,570	37,844	2,726	6.7	40,391	37,674	2,717	6.7	40,068	37,532	2,536	6.3
Sierra	2,531	2,381	150	5.9	2,531	2,362	169	6.7	2,739	2,479	260	9.5
Socorro	4,685	4,259	426	9.1	4,864	4,422	442	9.1	4,667	4,171	496	10.6
Taos	11,163	9,277	1,886	16.9	11,010	9,080	1,930	17.5	10,264	8,647	1,617	15.8
Torrance	2,296	2,165	131	5.7	2,270	2,141	129	5.7	2,342	2,201	141	6.0
Union	2,761	2,612	149	5.4	2,715	2,548	167	6.2	2,544	2,334	210	8.3
Valencia	10,349	9,087	1,262	12.2	10,708	9,253	1,455	13.6	11,017	9,921	1,096	9.9

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

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New Mexico Labor Market Review

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HIGHLIGHTS

August labor force estimates for New Mexico indicate that the state is continuing in the early stages of an economic recovery. The number of unemployed persons fell by 5,100 over the month, and the unemployment rate dropped from 10.6 to 9.8 percent. New Mexico's unemployment rate is still higher than a year ago; however, the gap has narrowed in recent months. The August estimates showed a rather unusual occurrence: almost all of the improvement in unemployment occurred outside the Albuquerque area. Even so, Albuquerque's unemployment rate remained more than a full percentage point below the statewide rate. The U. S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.2 percent in August, down from 9.4 percent in July.

Nonagricultural payroll jobs in New Mexico totaled 482,000 in August, down slightly from July. Most major sectors posted moderate job gains during the month, but these were more than offset by a large decrease in government employment. Both local and federal government lost jobs, largely the result of the ending of summer youth employment programs and a temporary layoff at a federal agency in Albuquerque.

The bright spots during the month were the mining, manufacturing and construction industries. Mining added 300 jobs in the potash, uranium, and oil & gas extraction sub-sectors. After steady losses over the last two years, an employment increase in the state's mining industry is very good news. Also, manufacturing posted a monthly increase of 400 spread among most nondurable sub-sectors and electronic equipment in durable goods. Losses occurred in transportation equipment and lumber manufacturing. Construction continued its recent strong showing by advancing another 200 jobs in August.

AUGUST SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	July 1983	August 1982
Civilian Labor Force	604,300	610,300	598,100	-6,000	+6,200
Employment	544,800	545,700	541,700	-900	+3,100
Unemployment	59,500	64,600	56,400	-5,100	+3,100
Rate	9.8%	10.6%	9.4%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	AUG *Change From*	
	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	AUG 1982	JUL 1983	AUG 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	482,000	482,700	473,600	- 700	+8,400
MINING	20,600	20,300	25,300	+ 300	-4,700
Metal Mining	4,200	4,200	5,200	0	-1,000
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,600	3,400	5,100	+ 200	-1,500
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,800	12,700	15,000	+ 100	-2,200
CONSTRUCTION	37,800	37,600	33,000	+ 200	+4,800
MANUFACTURING	33,800	33,400	34,400	+ 400	- 600
Durable Goods	21,700	21,600	21,500	+ 100	+ 200
Lumber and Wood Products	2,200	2,300	2,200	- 100	0
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,600	4,500	4,400	+ 100	+ 200
Transportation Equipment	3,800	3,900	4,000	- 100	- 200
Other Durable Goods	11,100	10,900	10,900	+ 200	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	12,100	11,800	12,900	+ 300	- 800
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	3,800	4,100	+ 100	- 200
Textiles and Apparel	2,500	2,400	2,900	+ 100	- 400
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,600	5,900	+ 100	- 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,800	28,700	29,600	+ 100	- 800
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,300	2,500	+ 100	- 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,500	5,500	5,700	0	- 200
Other Transportation	3,400	3,300	3,200	+ 100	+ 200
Communication	7,500	7,500	8,100	0	- 600
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	10,000	10,100	10,100	- 100	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	114,100	113,500	111,100	+ 600	+3,000
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,900	22,900	0	0
Durable Goods	13,700	13,700	13,800	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	91,200	90,600	88,200	+ 600	+3,000
General Merchandise Stores	10,800	10,900	10,900	- 100	- 100
Food Stores	13,500	13,500	12,600	0	+ 900
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,900	12,000	12,200	- 100	- 300
Eating and Drinking Places	32,700	32,000	30,800	+ 700	+1,900
Other Retail Trade	22,300	22,200	21,700	+ 100	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,200	23,100	22,100	+ 100	+1,100
Banking	8,100	8,000	7,800	+ 100	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,500	5,400	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,700	9,600	8,900	+ 100	+ 800
SERVICES	101,200	101,300	97,600	- 100	+3,600
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,200	11,100	11,000	+ 100	+ 200
Personal Services	4,800	4,900	4,700	- 100	+ 100
Business Services	21,900	21,900	21,100	0	+ 800
Health Services	24,500	24,400	23,700	+ 100	+ 800
Social Services	6,600	6,800	6,700	- 200	- 100
Membership Organizations	7,100	7,200	5,900	- 100	+1,200
Other Services	25,100	25,000	24,500	+ 100	+ 600
GOVERNMENT	122,500	124,800	120,500	-2,300	+2,000
Federal	30,800	31,500	29,700	- 700	+1,100
State 2/	40,200	40,100	39,700	+ 100	+ 500
Local	51,500	53,200	51,100	-1,700	+ 400

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

Although the number of persons unemployed in the Albuquerque area fell slightly during August, total employment also decreased, with the result that the area unemployment rate remained unchanged at 8.7 percent over the month.

Nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Albuquerque showed an 1800 loss in August, virtually all the result of a large reduction in the government sector. Local government declined by 2,100 jobs as summer youth employment programs came to an end, while federal employment fell by 600, caused by the layoff of temporary workers. Moderate seasonal job gains in most other major sectors partially offset these losses. The largest advance (+400) was in trade as eating and drinking places and food stores added workers. Construction and transportation recorded increases of 200 each during August, and manufacturing posted a 100 gain in durable goods.

The only major industry loss from one year ago was in transportation and public utilities, down 600 jobs. Total nonagricultral employment has increased by 5,000 jobs from August a year ago.

AUGUST SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	July 1983	August 1982
Civilian Labor Force	225,100	228,200	219,900	-3,100	+5,200
Employment	205,500	208,400	202,200	-2,900	+3,300
Unemployment	19,600	19,800	17,700	-200	+1,900
Rate	8.7%	8.7%	8.0%		

[1/] Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*AUG Change From*	
	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	AUG 1982	JUL 1983	AUG 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	195,400	197,200	190,400	-1,800	+5,000
CONSTRUCTION	13,100	12,900	12,300	+ 200	+ 800
MANUFACTURING	18,200	18,100	18,100	+ 100	+ 100
Durable Goods	12,800	12,700	12,800	+ 100	0
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,500	11,300	12,100	+ 200	- 600
Transportation	4,700	4,500	5,100	+ 200	- 400
Communication	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	49,600	49,200	48,300	+ 400	+1,300
Wholesale Trade	13,400	13,400	13,300	0	+ 100
Durable Goods	8,700	8,700	8,800	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	36,200	35,800	35,000	+ 400	+1,200
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	4,000	4,000	- 100	- 100
Food Stores	4,100	4,000	3,900	+ 100	+ 200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,200	4,300	4,400	- 100	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	13,600	13,200	12,700	+ 400	+ 900
Other Retail Trade	10,400	10,300	10,000	+ 100	+ 400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,600	11,600	11,100	0	+ 500
Banking	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,200	5,200	4,800	0	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	50,000	50,100	47,500	- 100	+2,500
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,200	2,900	0	+ 300
Health Services	11,700	11,800	11,300	- 100	+ 400
Social Services	2,700	2,800	2,600	- 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,900	1,800	- 100	0
Other Services and Mining	30,600	30,400	28,900	+ 200	+1,700
GOVERNMENT	41,400	44,000	41,000	-2,600	+ 400
Federal	12,700	13,300	12,300	- 600	+ 400
State	10,000	9,900	10,500	+ 100	- 500
Local	18,700	20,800	18,200	-2,100	+ 500

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1983	*Revised* JUL 1983	*Revised* AUG 1982	*AUG Change From* JUL 1983	AUG 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,725	31,275	29,825	+450	+1,900
CONSTRUCTION	2,250	2,275	1,600	- 25	+ 650
MANUFACTURING	3,025	2,775	3,100	+250	- 75
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,150	0	- 50
Transportation	450	450	425	0	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	650	725	0	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,425	6,425	5,900	0	+ 525
Wholesale Trade	875	875	825	0	+ 50
Retail Trade	5,550	5,550	5,075	0	+ 475
General Merchandise Stores	800	775	775	+ 25	+ 25
Food Stores	725	825	675	-100	+ 50
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	775	750	- 25	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,175	2,050	1,800	+125	+ 375
Other Retail Trade	1,100	1,125	1,075	- 25	+ 25
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,325	1,300	1,250	+ 25	+ 75
SERVICES & MINING	4,425	4,250	4,050	+175	+ 375
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	625	575	600	+ 50	+ 25
Business Services	725	700	775	+ 25	- 50
Health Services	900	900	825	0	+ 75
Social Services	350	375	325	- 25	+ 25
Other Services & Mining	1,825	1,700	1,525	+125	+ 300
GOVERNMENT	13,175	13,150	12,775	+ 25	+ 400
Federal	4,525	4,700	4,350	-175	+ 175
State	4,550	4,500	4,250	+ 50	+ 300
Local	4,100	3,950	4,175	+150	- 75

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	AUG 1982	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	AUG 1982	AUG 1983	JUL 1983	AUG 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$476.86	$466.67	$497.77	42.2	40.9	41.9	$11.30	$11.41	$11.88
CONSTRUCTION	384.00	362.81	407.25	37.5	36.5	37.5	10.24	9.94	10.86
MANUFACTURING	297.21	299.11	265.87	38.8	38.2	38.7	7.66	7.83	6.87
Durable Goods	304.59	302.44	287.12	39.0	37.9	38.8	7.81	7.98	7.40
Nondurable Gds	280.36	290.61	224.07	38.3	38.8	38.7	7.32	7.49	5.79
COMM and UTIL	401.55	399.84	381.07	41.1	40.8	40.8	9.77	9.80	9.34
TRADE *	255.61	258.48	248.57	35.7	36.0	36.5	7.16	7.18	6.81
BANKING	197.40	201.89	196.39	37.6	38.9	39.2	5.25	5.19	5.01
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$279.38	$289.18	$277.75	37.5	38.0	38.1	$ 7.45	$ 7.61	$ 7.29

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE - New Mexico was ranked 39th among the 50 states in per capita income in 1982 according to recently released figures from the Department of Commerce. The state moved up three places in ranking from the 1981 figures.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - TV-I plans to start construction on a $6 to $7 million new classroom and office building in February 1984. The facility will be located on the main campus at 525 Buena Vista Road, S.E. As the U.S. semiconductor industry improves so does employment at local plants. Signetics Corporation began 1983 with less than 100 workers, but now is up to 360 and they expect to hire more. At the Intel plant in Rio Rancho, employment has risen to 200 from 130 early this year. Intel plans to employ 1,000 workers when production starts in the first quarter of 1984. Ameron Pipe Division Southwest plans to add about 35 people to its work force when it begins the manufacture and delivery of about 183,000 feet of 24-inch concrete cylinder pressure pipe. The pipe is for two major New Mexico water projects; one at the Plains Electric Cooperative Power Station near Prewitt, the other for a water-transmission line running from the Double Eagle well field to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and eventually to Carlsbad. Construction of the Alameda West Shopping Center, located just south of the Coors Boulevard and Corrales Road intersection, is expected to start in 60 days. The $10 million shopping center's prime tenant, Skaggs Alpha Beta, will occupy 65,000 square feet and employ over 200 people. Another key tenant is Value House which will have 20,000 square feet of sales area and employ about 50 people. The U. S. Air Force has increased its contract by $4.3 million to Sperry Corporation for full-scale aerial targets. One-third of the work will be done at Sperry's Albuquerque operations. Pulse Systems, Inc., a producer of gas lasers, plans to lease a manufacturing plant of up to 10,000 square feet in Albuquerque by December. The company could employ 20 people in Albuquerque before the end of the year, up to 50 in 1984 and perhaps several hundred within a few years. Sanger-Harris, a leading Dallas department store, is building a $10 million store at Coronado Center. The new store will be two stories with about 122,000 square feet of floor space and should be open by next summer.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - A Texas developer has announced plans to construct a 100 unit two-story motel in Ruidoso which will be named the Sunday Home Inn.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA - Two large construction projects at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) were awarded recently. One contract was for building 12.6 miles of roadway and the other contract was for laying 6.2 miles of railroad line. Potash Corporation of America (PCA) recalled approximately 300 workers on September 18 and has resumed full operations at its area potash mine. PCA had reduced operations in July due to the depressed potash market. Approximately 15 Eddy County Road Department workers were laid off due to county budget problems. Commonwealth Theaters announced plans to construct a three-theater complex in Carlsbad, with the opening scheduled for March 1984.

CLAYTON/RATON AREA - The Phase II program initiated by Amoco Production Company within the Bravo Dome carbon dioxide production unit is having a healthy impact on the local economy. The resumption of drilling activities has caused a number of well service companies to return their representatives to Clayton, including: Western, Dowell, Halliburton, CRC Wireline, San Juan Casing, Pitco and Dresser-Atlas. Other returning employers include N. L. Acme Rental Tools and Kell Construction. Amoco Representatives estimate that the CO^2 industry upswing is employing about 400 people, not counting those involved in other construction projects.

ESPANOLA AREA - Duke City Lumber Company has cut back its sawmill operations in Espanola to a four-day work week due to a slump in lumber sales. A cutback was also implemented at the company's Cuba sawmill.

FARMINGTON AREA - Union Texas, an independent oil company, plans to drill 50 wells per year in the area for the next five years. It is estimated that at a cost of $500,000 per well the new drilling will boost the area's economy by $125 million over the five-year period. The local staff of engineers and field workers already has been increased to 57. A new $1.5 million potato storage and packing plant to process potatoes grown by the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry is to be constructed south of Farmington. The fresh pack operation is expected to provide 25 to 35 additional jobs on the Navajo Reservation.

GRANTS/GALLUP AREA - The Lee Ranch Coal Mine near San Mateo is almost half finished with about 100 employees working. When the mine goes into production, it is expected to employ about 400. Navajo Forest Products, Inc. reopened its particle board factory under lease to Ponderosa Products, Inc. (PPI) of Albuquerque. Under PPI, the plant employs 77 people, and runs round-the-clock, five days a week.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - The Hobbs City Commission has approved an inducement resolution authorizing up to $8 million in industrial revenue bonds for the construction of a 150-unit retirement center.

LAS CRUCES AREA - EG & G of Albuquerque was awarded a $600,000 contract to upgrade the Nuclear Weapons Effects Laboratory at White Sands Missile Range. Createc Corporation, a Portland, Indiana custom molder of polystyrene products, has now begun production at its new Las Cruces plant. Createc employs approximately 10 persons; however, the firm could expand to 50 workers in the near future. The U.S. Army has decided to not relocate about 400 workers at the training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) at White Sands Missile Range. The Army was considering moving the unit to Fort Levenworth, Kansas.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Hacienda Home Center, Inc. plans to build a 15,000-square foot store with a three-acre lumber yard on Seventh Street in Las Vegas. The new store expects to employ 30 to 35 people when it opens in the spring of 1984. Las Vegas will be the site for a new adventure movie, budgeted at $15 million. The movie, to be filmed from November to January, is expected to bring from $4 million to $6 million to the local economy in rentals, supplies, salaries, food and other costs. The Montana de Fibra Company expects its $60 million fiberboard plant and sawmill to start up in June or July of 1984. Approximately 80 people are currently employed in the construction phase. The company plans to employ over 200 people at the 265,000 square-foot plant and put a yearly payroll of $7 million to $8 million into the local economy.

PORTALES/CLOVIS AREA - Southwest Canners is seeking industrial revenue bonds from the City of Portales to help finance a 100,000 square-foot expansion of its soft drink canning plant. Southwest hopes to begin construction on the expansion by the end of this year, meaning completion in mid-1984.

ROSWELL AREA - The structural steel framework is almost completed on the $10 million Roswell Mall at Pine Lodge Road and Main Street. The mall is expected to open next summer with approximately 50 stores including major tenants J.C. Penney, Beall's, Walmart and C.R. Anthony. The mall is being developed by Somersville Corporation of Manchester, Connecticut and J. Allen Levie Incorporated of Roswell is the general contractor for the project.

SANTA FE AREA - Construction on a 260-unit apartment complex is scheduled to begin in October. The new apartments will be located just north of the Sheraton and will be built by Highfield Associates. KSAF TV, Channel 2 of Santa Fe expects to be on the air from temporary quarters by the end of the year. Channel 2's $2.5 million building currently under construction at the corner of St. Michael's Drive and St. Frances' Drive will be completed shortly after the station starts broadcasting.
Construction of a $4.5 million equestrian center in Eldorado is scheduled to begin in November. The center, to be known as Las Caballos de Santa Fe, will include a

coliseum seating up to 10,000 people, 20,000 square-foot exhibition hall, stables for 400 horses, parking for about 5,000 cars, a hunter-jumper course, trails and possibly an outdoor aréna.

SILVER CITY AREA - Victoria Homes, Inc. is seeking an industrial revenue bond issuance to support the establishment of a $4.1 million modular home factory in Silver City. The firm's plans call for a plant that would employ about 50 persons with an annual payroll of $1.6 million. Although all of Grant County's copper mines and mills except Sharon Steel have now reopened, they probably never will employ the number of persons working before the layoffs in early 1982 according to union officials. Union officials have estimated that at least 1,000 area copper workers will never be called back because of improved technology which means the same copper production with less workers.

SOCORRO/BELEN AREA - Construction has begun on the $1 million Gerald Chavez Apartments in Los Lunas. A new $1 million plant which will manufacture breath analyzers is planned for the Rio Grande Industrial Park in Tierra del Sol. The new 12,000 square-foot plant will hire about 40 local people. Construction of Valencia County's first state-certified nursing home is set to begin this fall. The Care More, Inc. facility, which will be located east of the Eastern Valencia Hospital, is expected to include 120 beds and cost $2 million. The new facility will eventually employ about 60 people.

TAOS AREA - The first load of ore came out of Molycorp's new underground mine on August 5, 1983. The ore, produced by Taos County's largest employer, is being stockpiled until the mill opens later this year. A new woolen yarn mill, Rio Grande Wool Mill, Inc., has been established in Tres Piedras. The new mill will be able to pay local ranchers more money for special qualities and cleaner wools than most industrial buyers. The proposed Red River Bank is expected to open between mid-October and the first week in November and has been capitalized at $1 million. The new financial institution will require six full-time employees and a bank manager.

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August 1983 CPI-U 300.3 (Base 1967 = 100)
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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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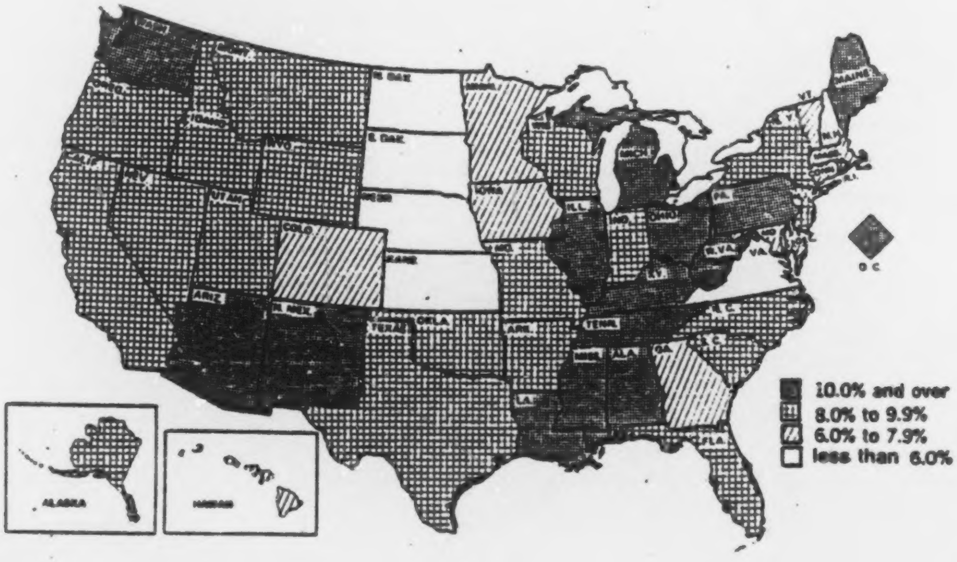
Unemployment Rates by State, July 1983



OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1983 1/				REVISED JULY 1983 1/				REVISED AUGUST 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	604,324	544,810	59,514	9.8	610,390	545,741	64,649	10.6	598,069	541,661	56,408	9.4
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	225,095	205,539	19,556	8.7	228,227	208,421	19,806	8.7	219,936	202,213	17,723	8.1
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	39,179	35,594	3,585	9.2	38,656	34,697	3,959	10.2	36,892	32,978	3,914	10.6
Catron	1,031	946	85	8.2	1,013	909	104	10.3	1,007	857	150	14.9
Chaves	24,675	22,660	2,015	8.2	24,646	22,453	2,193	8.9	24,529	22,782	1,747	7.1
Cibola	11,267	9,021	2,246	19.9	12,102	8,999	3,103	25.6	12,892	9,594	3,298	25.6
Colfax	7,839	6,857	982	12.5	7,946	6,858	1,088	13.7	7,703	7,182	521	6.8
Curry	15,423	14,215	1,208	7.8	15,269	13,948	1,321	8.7	15,143	14,303	840	5.5
De Baca	1,114	1,060	54	4.8	1,137	1,062	75	6.6	1,011	982	29	2.9
Eddy	25,510	21,191	4,319	16.9	25,796	21,042	4,754	18.4	25,361	23,026	2,335	9.2
Grant	10,357	8,676	1,681	16.2	10,620	8,633	1,987	18.7	11,600	7,353	4,247	36.6
Guadalupe	1,593	1,467	126	7.9	1,571	1,440	131	8.3	1,519	1,433	86	5.7
Harding	623	610	13	2.1	627	615	12	1.9	648	620	28	4.3
Hidalgo	2,644	2,432	212	8.0	2,691	2,446	245	9.1	2,646	2,323	323	12.2
Lea	33,204	30,815	2,389	7.2	33,646	30,927	2,719	8.1	34,851	33,180	1,671	4.8
Lincoln	8,721	8,422	299	3.4	8,624	8,302	322	3.7	8,268	8,036	232	2.8
Los Alamos	10,904	10,615	289	2.7	11,012	10,777	235	2.1	10,757	10,551	206	1.9
Luna	5,519	4,927	592	10.7	5,407	4,698	709	13.1	5,412	4,722	690	12.7
McKinley	17,518	14,697	2,821	16.1	17,872	14.526	3,346	18.7	18,259	15,855	2,404	13.2
Mora	1,100	785	315	28.6	1,127	790	337	29.9	1,157	839	318	27.5
Otero	14,721	13,596	1,125	7.6	14,730	13,527	1,203	8.2	14,509	13,406	1,103	7.6
Quay	5,763	5,301	462	8.0	5,845	5,298	547	9.4	5,326	4,861	465	8.7
Rio Arriba	10,779	8,956	1,823	16.9	11,185	9,142	2,043	18.3	10,488	8,523	1,965	18.7
Roosevelt	7,571	7,194	377	5.0	7,737	7,286	451	5.8	7,217	6,901	316	4.4
San Juan	39,247	33,662	5,585	14.2	39,882	33,923	5,959	14.9	38,875	34,268	4,607	11.9
San Miguel	8,342	7,294	1,048	12.6	8,329	7,178	1,151	13.8	8,826	7,709	1,117	12.7
Santa Fe	40,457	37,920	2,537	6.3	40,628	37,861	2,767	6.8	39,996	37,571	2,425	6.1
Sierra	2,484	2,334	150	6.0	2,535	2,383	152	6.0	2,703	2,461	242	9.0
Socorro	4,729	4,382	347	7.3	4,717	4,261	456	9.7	4,690	4,216	474	10.1
Taos	11,160	9,430	1,730	15.5	11,191	9,281	1,910	17.1	10,275	8,722	1,553	15.1
Torrance	2,302	2,191	111	4.8	2,295	2,166	129	5.6	2,307	2,176	131	5.7
Union	3,053	2,907	146	4.8	2,954	2,800	154	5.2	2,504	2,326	178	7.1
Valencia	10,400	9,114	1,286	12.4	10,373	9,092	1,281	12.3	10,762	9,692	1,070	9.9

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*

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